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I

THE UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937, AS
AMENDED

[PUBLIC—No. 412—75TH CONGRESS¹]

[CHAPTER 896—1ST SESSION]

[S. 1685]

AN ACT

To provide financial assistance to the States and political subdivisions thereof for the elimination of unsafe and insanitary housing conditions, for the eradication of slums, for the provision of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for families of low income, and for the reduction of unemployment and the stimulation of business activity, to create a United States Housing Authority, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

DECLARATION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States to promote the general welfare of the Nation by employing its funds and credit, as provided in this Act, to assist the several States and their political subdivisions to alleviate present and recurring unemployment and to remedy the unsafe and insanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for families of low income, in rural or urban communities, that are injurious to the health, safety, and morals of the citizens of the Nation.

Declaration
of policy.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 2. When used in this Act—

(1) The term "low-rent housing" means decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings within the financial reach of families of low income, and developed and administered to promote serviceability, efficiency, economy, and stability, and embraces all necessary appurtenances thereto. The dwellings in low-rent housing as defined in this Act shall be available solely for families whose net income at the time of admission does not exceed five² times the rental (including the value or cost to them of heat, light, water, and cooking fuel) of the dwellings to be furnished such families, except that in the case of families with three or more minor dependents, such ratio shall not exceed six to one.

Definitions.
"Low-rent
housing."

¹ 50 Stat. 888.

² So in original.

"Families of low income."

(2) The term "families of low income" means families who are in the lowest income group and who cannot afford to pay enough to cause private enterprise in their locality or metropolitan area to build an adequate supply of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for their use.

"Slum."

(3) The term "slum" means any area where dwellings predominate which, by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitation facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health, or morals.

"Slum clearance."

(4) The term "slum clearance" means the demolition and removal of buildings from any slum area.

"Development."

(5) The term "development" means any or all undertakings necessary for planning, financing (including payment of carrying charges), land acquisition, demolition, construction, or equipment, in connection with a low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project, but not beyond the point of physical completion. Construction activity in connection with a low-rent-housing project may be confined to the reconstruction, remodeling, or repair of existing buildings.

"Administration."

(6) The term "administration" means any or all undertakings necessary for management, operation, maintenance, or financing, in connection with a low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project, subsequent to physical completion.

"Federal project."

(7) The term "Federal project" means any project owned or administered by the Authority.

"Acquisition cost."

(8) The term "acquisition cost" means the amount prudently required to be expended by a public housing agency in acquiring a low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project.

"Non-dwelling facilities."

(9) The term "non-dwelling facilities" shall include site development, improvements and facilities located outside building walls (including streets, sidewalks, and sanitary, utility, and other facilities).

"Going Federal rate of interest."

(10) The term "going Federal rate of interest" means, at any time, the annual rate of interest specified in the then most recently issued bonds of the Federal Government having a maturity of ten years or more.

"Public housing agency"

(11) The term "public housing agency" means any State, county, municipality, or other governmental entity or public body (excluding the Authority), which is authorized to engage in the development or administration of low-rent housing or slum clearance.³

"State."

(12) The term "State" includes the States of the Union, the District of Columbia, and the Territories, dependencies, and possessions of the United States.

"Authority."

(13) The term "Authority" means the United States Housing Authority created by section 3 of this Act.

³ By Sec. 203 of Public 733, 75th Congress, approved June 25, 1938, 48 Stat. 930, the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Authority was made a public housing agency within the meaning of the United States Housing Act. See p. 58.

UNITED STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY

SEC. 3. (a) There is hereby created in the Department of the Interior ⁴ and under the general supervision of the Secretary thereof a body corporate of perpetual duration to be known as the United States Housing Authority, which shall be an agency and instrumentality of the United States.

Corporate agency created.

(b) The powers of the Authority shall be vested in and exercised by an Administrator, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Administrator shall serve for a term of five years and shall be removable by the President upon notice and hearing for neglect of duty or malfeasance but for no other cause.

Administrator: appointment; term; removal.

(c) The Administrator shall receive a salary of \$10,000 a year, shall be eligible for reappointment, and shall not engage in any other business, vocation, or employment. Neither the Administrator nor any officer or employee of the Authority shall participate in any matter affecting his personal interests or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he is directly or indirectly interested.

Same: salary; reappointment; private business.

SEC. 4. (a) The Administrator is authorized, subject to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, to appoint and fix the compensation of such employees as may be necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the Authority under this Act; except that without regard to the civil-service laws he may appoint such officers, attorneys and experts, and such employees whose compensation is in excess of \$1,980 per annum, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.⁵

Personnel: appointment and compensation of employees.

(b) Appointment to positions made under the provisions of this Act the annual salary of which is in excess of \$7,500 per annum shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Appointments subject to confirmation by Senate.

(c) The Administrator may accept and utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services and with the consent of the agency concerned may utilize such officers, employees, equipment, and information of any agency of the Federal, State, or local governments as he finds helpful in the performance of the duties of the Authority. In connection with the utilization of such services, the Authority may make reasonable payments for necessary traveling and other expenses.

Assistance of State and Federal officers and agencies.

⁴ By Reorganization Plan No. I, the United States Housing Authority was placed in the Federal Works Agency. For the texts of the Reorganization Act of 1939, Reorganization Plan No. I, and Public Resolution 20, changing the effective dates of Plans I and II, see Appendix A, pp. 19-25.

⁵ For Executive Order 7916, relating to the establishment of Divisions of Personnel and Management, and Executive Order 7975A, naming the United States Housing Authority as one of the agencies required to comply with Executive Order 7916, see Appendix D (2), pp. 36-38.

Transfer of Federal interest in housing projects to Authority.

(d) The President may at any time in his discretion transfer to the Authority any right, interest, or title held by any department or agency of the Federal Government in any housing or slum-clearance projects (constructed or in process of construction on the date of enactment of this Act), any assets, contracts, records, libraries, research materials, and other property held in connection with any such housing or slum-clearance projects or activities, any unexpended balance of funds allocated to such department or agency for the development, administration, or assistance of any housing or slum-clearance projects or activities, and any employees who have been engaged in work connected with housing or slum clearance. The Authority may continue any or all activities undertaken in connection with projects so transferred, subject to the provisions of this Act.⁶

Branch offices; hearings; negotiations.

SEC. 5. (a) The principal office of the Authority shall be in the District of Columbia, but it may establish branch offices or agencies in any State, and may exercise any of its powers at any place within the United States. The Authority may, by one or more of its officers or employees or by such agents or agencies as it may designate, conduct hearings or negotiations at any place.

Suits by or against.

(b) The Authority shall sue and be sued in its own name, and shall be represented in all litigated matters by the Attorney General or such attorney or attorneys as he may designate.

Seal.

(c) The Authority shall have an official seal, which shall be judicially noticed.

Franking privilege.

(d) The Authority shall be granted the free use of the mails in the same manner as the executive departments of the Government.

Tax exemption of Authority and public housing agency obligations.

(e) The Authority, including but not limited to its franchise, capital, reserves, surplus, loans, income, assets, and property of any kind, shall be exempt from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States or by any State, county, municipality, or local taxing authority. Obligations, including interest thereon, issued by public housing agencies in connection with low-rent-housing or slum-clearance projects, and the income derived by such agencies from such projects, shall be exempt from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States.

Administrative expense authorization.

SEC. 6. (a) The Authority may make such expenditures, subject to audit under the general law, for the acquisition and maintenance of adequate administrative agencies, offices, vehicles, furnishings, equipment, supplies, books, periodicals, printing and binding, for attendance at meetings, for any necessary traveling expenses within the United States, its Territories, dependencies, or possessions, and for such other expenses as may from time to time be found necessary for the proper administration

⁶ For Executive orders relating to transferred personnel and property, see Appendix B (1), pp. 26-28.

of this Act. Such financial transactions of the Authority as the making of loans, annual contributions, and capital grants, and the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease, or other disposition of real and personal property, and vouchers approved by the Administrator in connection with such financial transactions, shall be final and conclusive upon all officers of the Government; except that all such financial transactions of the Authority shall be audited by the General Accounting Office at such times and in such manner as the Comptroller General of the United States may by regulation prescribe.⁷

Financial transactions.

(b) The provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 ed., title 41, sec. 5⁸) shall apply to all contracts of the Authority for services and to all of its purchases of supplies except when the aggregate amount involved is less than \$300.

Contracts and purchases.

(c) The use of funds made available for the purposes of this Act shall be subject to the provisions of section 2 of title 3 of the Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1934 (47 Stat. 1489⁹), and to make such provisions effective every contract or agreement of any kind pursuant to this Act shall contain a provision identical to the one prescribed in section 3 of title 3 of such Act.

Domestic-made materials.

(d) No annual contribution, grant, or loan, and no contract for any annual contribution, grant, or loan, under this Act, shall be undertaken by the Authority except with the approval of the President.

Presidential approval.

SEC. 7. (a) The Authority may publish and disseminate information pertinent to the various aspects of housing.

Publication of information.

(b) In January of each year the Authority shall make an annual report to Congress of its operations and expenses, including loans, contributions, and grants made or contracted for, low-rent-housing and slum-clearance projects undertaken, and the assets and liabilities of the Authority. Such report shall include operating statements of all projects under the jurisdiction of or receiving the assistance of the Authority, including summaries of the incomes of occupants, sizes of families, rentals, and other related information.

Annual report.

SEC. 8. The Authority may from time to time make, amend, and rescind such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Power to issue rules and regulations.

LOANS FOR LOW-RENT-HOUSING AND SLUM-CLEARANCE PROJECTS

SEC. 9. The Authority may make loans to public-housing agencies to assist the development, acquisition, or administration of low-rent-housing or slum-clearance

Loans: terms.

⁷ For authorization to expend for administrative expenses for the fiscal year 1939, see Appendix C (2), p. 31. For authorization to expend for administrative expenses for the fiscal year 1940, see Appendix C (3), p. 33.

⁸ See Appendix H, p. 52.

⁹ See Appendix I, p. 53.

projects by such agencies. Where capital grants are made pursuant to section 11 the total amount of such loans outstanding on any one project and in which the Authority participates shall not exceed the development or acquisition cost of such project less all such capital grants, but in no event shall said loans exceed 90 per centum of such cost. In the case of annual contributions in assistance of low rentals as provided in section 10 the total of such loans outstanding on any one project and in which the Authority participates shall not exceed 90 per centum of the development or acquisition cost of such project. Such loans shall bear interest at such rate not less than the going Federal rate at the time the loan is made, plus one-half of one per centum, shall be secured in such manner, and shall be repaid within such period not exceeding sixty years, as may be deemed advisable by the Authority.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN ASSISTANCE OF LOW RENTALS

Federal contributions.

Local contributions.

Equivalent elimination.

Limitations on contributions.

SEC. 10. (a) The Authority may make annual contributions to public-housing agencies to assist in achieving and maintaining the low-rent character of their housing projects. The annual contributions for any such project shall be fixed in uniform amounts, and shall be paid in such amounts over a fixed period of years. No part of such annual contributions by the Authority shall be made available for any project unless and until the State, city, county, or other political subdivision in which such project is situated shall contribute, in the form of cash or tax remissions, general or special, or tax exemptions, at least 20 per centum of the annual contributions herein provided. The Authority shall embody the provisions for such annual contributions in a contract guaranteeing their payment over such fixed period: *Provided*, That no annual contributions shall be made, and the Authority shall enter into no contract guaranteeing any annual contribution in connection with the development of any low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project involving the construction of new dwellings, unless the project includes the elimination by demolition, condemnation, and effective closing, or the compulsory repair or improvement of unsafe or insanitary dwellings situated in the locality or metropolitan area, substantially equal in number to the number of newly constructed dwellings provided by the project; except that such elimination may, in the discretion of the Authority, be deferred in any locality or metropolitan area where the shortage of decent, safe, or sanitary housing available to families of low income is so acute as to force dangerous overcrowding of such families.

(b) Annual contributions shall be strictly limited to the amounts and periods necessary, in the determination of the Authority, to assure the low-rent character of the

housing projects involved. Toward this end the Authority may prescribe regulations fixing the maximum contributions available under different circumstances, giving consideration to cost, location, size, rent-paying ability of prospective tenants, or other factors bearing upon the amounts and periods of assistance needed to achieve and maintain low rentals. Such regulations may provide for rates of contribution based upon development, acquisition, or administration cost, number of dwelling units, number of persons housed, or other appropriate factors: *Provided*, That the fixed contribution payable annually under any contract shall in no case exceed a sum equal to the annual yield, at the going Federal rate of interest at the time such contract is made plus 1 per centum, upon the development or acquisition cost of the low-rent housing or slum-clearance project involved: *And provided further*, That all such annual contributions shall be used first to apply toward any payment of interest or principal on any loan due to the Authority from the public housing agency.

(c) In case any contract for annual contributions is made for a period exceeding twenty years, the Authority shall reserve the right to reexamine the status of the low-rent-housing project involved at the end of ten years and every five years thereafter; and, at the time of any such reexamination, the Authority may make such modification (subject to all the provisions of this section) in the fixed and uniform amounts of subsequent annual contributions payable under such contract as is warranted by changed conditions and as is consistent with maintaining the low-rent character of the housing project involved. In no case shall any contract for annual contributions be made for a period exceeding sixty years.

Reexamination of contributions contracts.

(d) All payments of annual contributions pursuant to this section shall be made out of any funds available to the Authority when such payments are due, except that its capital and its funds obtained through the issuance of obligations pursuant to section 20 (including repayments or other realizations of the principal of loans made out of such capital and funds) shall not be available for the payment of such annual contributions.

Availability of funds.

(e) The Authority is authorized, on and after the date of the enactment of this Act, to enter into contracts which provide for annual contributions aggregating not more than \$28,000,000 per annum. Without further authorization from Congress, no new contracts for annual contributions beyond those herein authorized shall be entered into by the Authority. The faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment of all annual contributions contracted for pursuant to this section, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated in each fiscal year, out of any money in the

Contracts authorized: limitation on aggregate contracts.

Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amounts necessary to provide for such payments.¹⁰

Contributions as security for public housing agency loans.

(f) Payments under annual contributions contracts shall be pledged as security for any loans obtained by a public-housing agency to assist the development of the housing project to which the annual contributions relate: *Provided*, That annual contributions shall be used first to apply toward the payment of interest or principal as same mature on any loan due to the Authority from the public-housing agency. The term "any loan due to the Authority" as used in this section shall mean any loan made by the Authority (including any bonds or other evidences of such loan which are resold by the Authority) to assist the development of the project to which the annual contributions relate.¹¹

CAPITAL GRANTS IN ASSISTANCE OF LOW RENTALS

Federal grants.

SEC. 11. (a) As an alternative method of assistance to that provided in section 10, when any public housing agency so requests and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Authority that such alternative method is better suited to the purpose of achieving and maintaining low rentals and to the other purposes of this Act, capital grants may be made to such agency for such purposes. The capital grants thus made for any low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project shall be paid in connection with its development or acquisition, and shall be strictly limited to the amounts necessary, in the determination of the Authority, to assure its low-rent character: *Provided, however*, That no capital grant shall be made for the development of any low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project involving the construction of new dwell-

Equivalent elimination.

¹⁰ As amended by Section 601 of the United States Housing Act Amendments of 1938 (Title VI of Public Resolution, No. 122, 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 820). Section 10 (e) originally read as follows:

"(e) The Authority is authorized, on and after the date of the enactment of this Act, to enter into contracts which provide for annual contributions aggregating not more than \$5,000,000 per annum, on or after July 1, 1938, to enter into additional such contracts which provide for annual contributions aggregating not more than \$7,500,000 per annum, and on or after July 1, 1939, to enter into additional such contracts which provide for annual contributions aggregating not more than \$7,500,000 per annum. Without further authorization from Congress, no new contracts for annual contributions beyond those herein authorized shall be entered into by the Authority. The faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment of all annual contributions contracted for pursuant to this section, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated in each fiscal year, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amounts necessary to provide for such payments."

¹¹ Section 10 (f) was added by Section 601 of the United States Housing Act Amendments of 1938 (Title VI of Public Resolution, No. 122, 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 820).

ings, unless the project includes the elimination by demolition, condemnation, and effective closing, or the compulsory repair or improvement of unsafe or insanitary dwellings situated in the locality or metropolitan area, substantially equal in number to the number of newly constructed dwelling units provided by the project; except that such elimination may, in the discretion of the Authority, be deferred in any locality or metropolitan area where the shortage of decent, safe, or sanitary housing available to families of low income is so acute as to force dangerous overcrowding of such families.

(b) Pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Authority may make a capital grant for any low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project, which shall in no case exceed 25 per centum of its development or acquisition cost.

Single project limitation.

(c) All payments of capital grants by the Authority pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be made out of any funds available to the Authority, except that its capital and its funds obtained through the issuance of obligations pursuant to section 20 (including repayments or other realizations of the principal of loans made out of such capital and funds) shall not be available for the payment of such capital grants.

Availability of funds.

(d) The Authority is authorized, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act to make capital grants (pursuant to subsection (b) of this section) aggregating not more than \$10,000,000, on or after July 1, 1938, to make additional capital grants aggregating not more than \$10,000,000, and on or after July 1, 1939, to make additional capital grants aggregating not more than \$10,000,000. Without further authorization from Congress, no capital grants beyond those herein authorized shall be made by the Authority.

Limitation on aggregate grants.

(e) To supplement any capital grant made by the Authority in connection with the development of any low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project, the President may allocate to the Authority, from any funds available for the relief of unemployment, an additional capital grant to be expended for payment of labor used in such development: *Provided*, That such additional capital grant shall not exceed 15 per centum of the development cost of the low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project involved.

Additional grant of relief funds for labor costs.

(f) No capital grant pursuant to this section shall be made for any low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project unless the public housing agency receiving such capital grant shall also receive, from the State, political subdivision thereof, or otherwise, a contribution for such project (in the form of cash, land, or the value, capitalized at the going Federal rate of interest, of community facilities or services for which a charge is usually made,

Local grants.

or tax remissions or tax exemptions) in an amount not less than 20 per centum of its development or acquisition cost.

DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL PROJECTS

Purpose.

SEC. 12. (a) It is hereby declared to be the purpose of Congress to provide for the orderly disposal of any low-rent-housing projects hereafter transferred to or acquired by the Authority through the sale or leasing of such projects as hereinafter provided; and, in order to continue the relief of Nation-wide unemployment and in order to avoid waste pending such sale or lease, to provide for the completion and temporary administration of such projects by the Authority.

**Authoriza-
tion.**

(b) As soon as practicable the Authority shall sell its Federal projects or divest itself of their management through leases.

**Sale to pub-
lic housing
agencies only.**

(c) The Authority may sell a Federal project only to a public housing agency. Any such sale shall be for a consideration, in whatever form may be satisfactory to the Authority, equal at least to the amount which the Authority determines to be the fair value of the project for housing purposes of a low-rent character (making such adjustment as the Authority deems advisable for any annual contributions which may hereafter be given hereunder in aid of the project), less such allowance for depreciation as the Authority shall fix. Such project shall then become eligible for loans pursuant to section 9, and either annual contributions pursuant to section 10 or a capital grant pursuant to section 11. Any obligation of the purchaser accepted by the Authority as part of the consideration for the sale of such project shall be deemed a loan pursuant to section 9.

**Eligibility
for loans,
contribu-
tions, and
grants.**

Leases.

(d) The Authority may lease any Federal low-rent-housing project, in whole or in part, to a public housing agency. The lessee of any project, pursuant to this paragraph, shall assume and pay all management, operation, and maintenance costs, together with payments, if any, in lieu of taxes, and shall pay to the Authority such annual sums as the Authority shall determine are consistent with maintaining the low-rent character of such project. The provisions of section 321 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 40, sec. 303 b¹²), shall not apply to any lease pursuant to this Act.

**Interim man-
agement.**

(e) In the administration of any Federal low-rent-housing project pending sale or lease, the Authority shall fix the rentals at the amounts necessary to pay all management, operation, and maintenance costs, together with payments, if any, in lieu of taxes, plus such additional amounts as the Authority shall determine are consistent with maintaining the low-rent character of such project.

¹² See Appendix G, p. 51.

GENERAL POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY

SEC. 13. (a) The Authority may foreclose on any property or commence any action to protect or enforce any right conferred upon it by any law, contract, or other agreement. The Authority may bid for and purchase at any foreclosure by any party or at any other sale, or otherwise acquire, and may administer, any low-rent-housing project which it previously owned or in connection with which it has made a loan pursuant to section 9, annual contributions pursuant to section 10, or capital grants pursuant to section 11.

General.

Foreclosure.

(b) The acquisition by the Authority of any real property pursuant to this Act shall not deprive any State or political subdivision thereof of its civil and criminal jurisdiction in and over such property, or impair the civil rights under the State or local law of the inhabitants on such property; and, insofar as any such jurisdiction may have been taken away or any such rights impaired by reason of the acquisition of any property transferred to the Authority pursuant to section 4 (d), such jurisdiction and such rights are hereby fully restored.

Civil and criminal jurisdiction.

(c) The Authority may enter into agreements to pay annual sums in lieu of taxes to any State or political subdivision thereof with respect to any real property owned by the Authority. The amount so paid for any year upon any such property shall not exceed the taxes that would be paid to the State or subdivision, as the case may be, upon such property if it were not exempt from taxation thereby.

Payments in lieu of taxes.

(d) The Authority may procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property and other assets (including mortgages), in such amounts, and from such insurers, as it deems desirable.

Insurance.

(e) The Authority may sell or exchange at public or private sale, or lease, any real property (except low-rent-housing projects, the disposition of which is governed elsewhere in this Act) or personal property, and sell or exchange any securities or obligations, upon such terms as it may fix. The Authority may borrow on the security of any real or personal property owned by it, or on the security of the revenues to be derived therefrom, and may use the proceeds of such loans for the purposes of this Act.

Sale or lease of non-project property.

SEC. 14. Subject to the specific limitations or standards in this Act governing the terms of sales, rentals, leases, loans, contracts for annual contributions, contracts for capital grants, or other agreements, the Authority may, whenever it deems it necessary or desirable in the fulfillment of the purposes of this Act, consent to the modification, with respect to rate of interest, time of payment of any installment of principal or interest, security, amount

Modification of contracts.

of annual contribution, or any other term, of any contract or agreement of any kind to which the Authority is a party or which has been transferred to it pursuant to this Act. Any rule of law contrary to this provision shall be deemed inapplicable.

**Preservation
of low rentals.**

SEC. 15. In order to insure that the low-rent character of housing projects will be preserved, and that the other purposes of this Act will be achieved, it is hereby provided that—

**Breach of
condition
against alien-
ation of low-
rent housing
project.**

(1) When a loan is made pursuant to section 9 for a low-rent-housing project the Authority may retain the right, in the event of a substantial breach of the condition (which shall be embodied in the loan agreement) providing for the maintenance of the low-rent character of the housing project involved or in the event of the acquisition of such project by a third party in any manner including a bona-fide foreclosure under a mortgage or other lien held by a third party, to increase the interest payable thereafter on the balance of said loan then held by the Authority to a rate not in excess of the going Federal rate (at the time of such breach or acquisition) plus 2 per centum per annum or to declare the unpaid principal on said loan due forthwith.

**Breach of
condition
against alien-
ation of slum-
clearance
project.**

(2) When a loan is made pursuant to section 9 for a slum-clearance project the Authority shall retain the right, in the event of the leasing or acquisition of such project by a third party in any manner including a bona-fide foreclosure under a mortgage or other lien held by a third party, to increase the interest payable thereafter on the balance of said loan then held by the Authority to a rate not in excess of the going Federal rate (at the time of such leasing or acquisition) plus 2 per centum per annum or to declare the unpaid principal on said loan due forthwith.

**Reduction or
termination
of contribu-
tions.**

(3) When a contract for annual contributions is made pursuant to section 10, the Authority shall retain the right, in the event of a substantial breach of the condition (which shall be embodied in such contract) providing for the maintenance of the low-rent character of the housing project involved, to reduce or terminate the annual contributions payable under such contract. In the event of the acquisition of such project by a third party in any manner including a bona-fide foreclosure under a mortgage or other lien held by a third party, such annual contributions shall terminate.

Covenants.

(4) The Authority may also insert in any contract for loans, annual contributions, capital grants, sale, lease, mortgage, or any other agreement or instrument made pursuant to this Act, such other covenants, conditions, or provisions at ¹³ it may deem necessary in order to insure the low-rent character of the housing project

¹³ So in the original—probably should be as.

involved: *Provided*, That any such contract for a substantial loan may contain a condition requiring the maintenance of an open space or playground in connection with the housing project involved if deemed necessary by the Authority for the safety or health of children.

(5) No contract for any loan, annual contribution, or capital grant made pursuant to this Act shall be entered into by the Authority with respect to any project hereafter initiated costing more than \$4,000 per family-dwelling-unit or more than \$1,000 per room (excluding land, demolition, and non-dwelling facilities); except that in any city the population of which exceeds 500,000 any such contract may be entered into with respect to a project hereafter initiated costing not to exceed \$5,000 per family-dwelling-unit or not to exceed \$1,250 per room (excluding land, demolition, and non-dwelling facilities), if in the opinion of the Authority such higher family-dwelling-unit cost or cost per room is justified by reason of higher costs of labor and materials and other construction costs. With respect to housing projects on which construction is hereafter initiated, the Authority shall make loans, grants, and annual contributions only for such low-rent-housing projects as it finds are to be undertaken in such a manner (a) that such projects will not be of elaborate or expensive design or materials, and economy will be promoted both in construction and administration, and (b) that the average construction cost of the dwelling units (excluding land, demolition, and non-dwelling facilities) in any such project is not greater than the average construction cost of dwelling units currently produced by private enterprise, in the locality or metropolitan area concerned, under the legal building requirements applicable to the proposed site, and under labor standards not lower than those prescribed in this Act.

Limitations
on costs.

SEC. 16. In order to protect labor standards—

(1) The provisions of the Act of August 30, 1935, entitled "An Act to amend the Act approved March 3, 1931, relating to the rate of wages for laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on public buildings" (49 Stat. 1011¹⁴), and of the Act of August 24, 1935, entitled "An Act requiring contracts for the construction, alteration, and repair of any public building or public work of the United States to be accompanied by a performance bond protecting the United States and by an additional bond for the protection of persons furnishing material and labor for the construction, alteration, or repair of said public buildings or public work" (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. II, title 40, secs. 270a to 270d, inclusive¹⁵), shall apply to contracts

Labor protec-
tion.

Wages and
bonds on Fed-
eral projects.

¹⁴ See Appendix E (1), p. 39.

¹⁵ See Appendix F, p. 49.

in connection with the development or administration of Federal projects and the furnishing of materials and labor for such projects: *Provided*, That suits shall be brought in the name of the Authority and that the Authority shall itself perform the duties prescribed by section 3 (a) of the Act of August 30, 1935, and section 3 of the Act of August 24, 1935.

Prevailing
wage rates.

(2) Any contract for loans, annual contributions, capital grants, sale, or lease pursuant to this Act shall contain a provision requiring that the wages or fees prevailing in the locality, as determined or adopted (subsequent to a determination under applicable State or local law) by the Authority, shall be paid to all architects, technical engineers, draftsmen, technicians, laborers, and mechanics employed in the development or administration of the low-rent housing or slum-clearance project involved; and the Authority may require certification as to compliance with the provisions of this paragraph prior to making any payment under such contract.

Hours of
work on Fed-
eral projects.

(3) The Act entitled "An Act limiting the hours of daily services of laborers and mechanics employed upon work done for the United States, or for any Territory, or for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", as amended (37 Stat. 137¹⁶), shall apply to contracts of the Authority for work in connection with the development and administration of Federal projects.

Workmen's
compensa-
tion.

(4) The benefits of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes" (39 Stat. 742¹⁷), shall extend to officers and employees of the Authority.

Kick-back
statute.

(5) The provisions of sections 1 and 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 40, secs. 276b and 276c¹⁸), shall apply to any low-rent-housing or slum-clearance project financed in whole or in part with funds made available pursuant to this Act.

Reports to
Secretary of
Labor.

(6) Any contractor engaged on any project financed in whole or in part with funds made available pursuant to this Act shall report monthly to the Secretary of Labor, and shall cause all subcontractors to report in like manner (within five days after the close of each calendar month, on forms to be furnished by the United States Department of Labor), as to the number of persons on their respective pay rolls on the particular project, the aggregate amount of such pay rolls, the total man-hours worked, and itemized expenditures for materials. Any such contractor shall furnish to the Department of Labor the names and addresses of all subcontractors on the work at the earliest date practicable.

¹⁶ See Appendix E (2), p. 40.

¹⁷ See Appendix E (3), p. 41.

¹⁸ See Appendix E (4), p. 48.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 17. The Authority shall have a capital stock of \$1,000,000, which shall be subscribed by the United States and paid by the Secretary of the Treasury out of any available funds.¹⁹ Receipts for such payment shall be issued to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Authority and shall evidence the stock ownership of the United States of America. Capital stock.

SEC. 18. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$26,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, of which \$1,000,000 shall be available to pay the subscription to the capital stock of the Authority. Such sum, and all receipts and assets of the Authority, shall be available for the purposes of this Act until expended. Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 19. Any funds available under any Act of Congress for allocation for housing or slum clearance may, in the discretion of the President, be allocated to the Authority for the purposes of this Act. Allocation of other funds to Authority.

SEC. 20. (a) The Authority is authorized to issue obligations in the form of notes, bonds, or otherwise, which it may sell to obtain funds for the purposes of this Act. The Authority may issue such obligations in an amount not to exceed \$800,000,000. Such obligations shall be in such forms and denominations, mature within such periods not exceeding sixty years from date of issue, bear such rates of interest not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, be subject to such terms and conditions, and be issued in such manner and sold at such prices as may be prescribed by the Authority with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.²⁰ Obligations by Authority: terms and amount.

(b) Such obligations shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except surtaxes, estate, inheritance, and gift taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States or by any State, county, municipality, or local taxing authority. Tax exemption.

¹⁹ See Appendix C (1), p. 31.

²⁰ As amended by Section 602 of the United States Housing Act Amendments of 1938 (Title VI of Public Resolution, No. 122, 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 820). Section 20 (a) originally read as follows:

"SEC. 20. (a) The Authority is authorized to issue obligations, in the form of notes, bonds, or otherwise, which it may sell to obtain funds for the purposes of this Act. The Authority may issue such obligations in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 on or after the date of enactment of this Act, an additional amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 on or after July 1, 1938, and an additional amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 on or after July 1, 1939. Such obligations shall be in such forms and denominations, mature within such periods not exceeding sixty years from date of issue, bear such rates of interest not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, be subject to such terms and conditions, and be issued in such manner and sold at such prices as may be prescribed by the Authority, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury."

Guarantee by United States.	(c) Such obligations shall be fully and unconditionally guaranteed upon their face by the United States as to the payment of both interest and principal, and, in the event that the Authority shall be unable to make any such payment upon demand when due, payments shall be made to the holder by the Secretary of the Treasury with money hereby authorized to be appropriated for such purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. To the extent of such payment the Secretary of the Treasury shall succeed to all the rights of the holder.
Legal investments.	(d) Such obligations shall be lawful investments and may be accepted as security for all fiduciary, trust, and public funds the investment or deposit of which shall be under the authority or control of the United States or any officer or agency thereof. The Secretary of the Treasury is likewise authorized to purchase any such obligations, and for such purchases he may use as a public debt transaction the proceeds from the sale of any securities hereafter issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the purposes for which securities may be issued under such Act, as amended, are extended to include any such purchases. The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time sell any of the obligations acquired by him pursuant to this section, and all redemptions, purchases, and sales by him of such obligations shall be treated as public-debt transactions of the United States.
Marketing.	(e) Such obligations may be marketed for the Authority at its request by the Secretary of the Treasury, utilizing all the facilities of the Treasury Department now authorized by law for the marketing of obligations of the United States.
Deposit of funds of Authority.	SEC. 21. (a) Any money of the Authority not otherwise employed may be deposited, subject to check, with the Treasurer of the United States or in any Federal Reserve bank, or may be invested in obligations of the United States or used in the purchase or retirement or redemption of any obligations issued by the Authority.
Federal Reserve banks as depositories.	(b) The Federal Reserve banks are authorized and directed to act as depositories, custodians, and fiscal agents for the Authority in the general exercise of its powers, and the Authority may reimburse any such bank for its services in such manner as may be agreed upon.
Authority as financial agent for United States.	(c) The Authority may be employed as a financial agent of the Government. When designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, and subject to such regulations as he may prescribe, the Authority shall be a depository of public money, except receipts from customs.
Limitation on expenditure in any one State.	(d) Not more than 10 per centum of the funds provided for in this Act, either in the form of a loan, grant, or annual contribution, shall be expended within any one State.

PENALTIES

SEC. 22. All general penal statutes relating to the larceny, embezzlement, or conversion or to the improper handling, retention, use, or disposal of public moneys or property of the United States shall apply to the moneys and property of the Authority and to moneys and properties of the United States entrusted to the Authority.

Application of general statutes.

SEC. 23. Any person who, with intent to defraud the Authority or to deceive any director, officer, or employee thereof or any officer or employee of the United States, makes any false entry in any book of the Authority or make ²¹ any false report or statement to or for the Authority shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

False entries and reports.

SEC. 24. Any person who shall receive any compensation, rebate, or reward, or shall enter into any conspiracy, collusion, or agreement, express or implied, with intent to defraud the Authority or with intent unlawfully to defeat its purposes, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Defrauding the Authority.

SEC. 25. Any person who induces or influences the Authority to purchase or acquire any property or to enter into any contract and willfully fails to disclose any interest, legal or equitable, which he has in such property or in the property to which such contract relates, or any special benefit which he expects to receive as a result of such contract, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Concealment of interest.

SEC. 26. No individual, association, partnership, or corporation shall use the words "United States Housing Authority," or any combination of these four words, as the name, or part thereof, under which he or it shall do business. Any such use shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

Use of words "United States Housing Authority."

SEC. 27. Wherever the application of the provisions of this Act conflicts with the application of the provisions of Public Numbered 837, approved June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2025 ²²), Public Numbered 845, approved June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2035 ²³), or any other Act of the United States dealing with housing or slum clearance, or any Executive order, regulation, or other order thereunder, the provisions of this Act shall prevail.

Prior laws.

SEC. 28. The President is hereby authorized to make available to The Alley Dwelling Authority, from any funds appropriated or otherwise provided to carry out the purposes of this Act, such sums as he deems necessary

Alley Dwelling Authority.

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²² See Appendix B (2), p. 28.

²³ See Appendix B (2), p. 29.

to carry out the purposes of the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Act, approved June 12, 1934 (Public Numbered 307, Seventy-third Congress ²⁴). Such sums shall be deposited in the Conversion of Inhabited Alleys Fund and thereafter shall remain immediately available for the purposes of the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Act.

**Severability
clause.**

SEC. 29. Notwithstanding any other evidences of the intention of Congress, it is hereby declared to be the controlling intent of Congress that if any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

Short title.

SEC. 30. This Act may be cited as the "United States Housing Act of 1937." ²⁵

Approved, September 1, 1937. ²⁶

²⁴ See Appendix J, p. 54.

²⁵ The short title of the 1938 amendments, by Section 603 of Public Resolution, No. 122 (75th Cong.), is the "United States Housing Act Amendments of 1938."

²⁶ The United States Housing Act Amendments of 1938 were approved June 21, 1938.

II
APPENDIX
LAWS AND EXECUTIVE DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO UNITED
STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY
APPENDIX A.—GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION

(1) REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1939

[PUBLIC—No. 19—76TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 36—1ST SESSION]

[H. R. 4425]

, AN ACT

To provide for reorganizing agencies of the Government, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Reorganization Act of 1939."

TITLE I—REORGANIZATION

PART I

SECTION 1. (a) The Congress hereby declares that by reason of continued national deficits beginning in 1931 it is desirable to reduce substantially Government expenditures and that such reduction may be accomplished in some measure by proceeding immediately under the provisions of this Act. The President shall investigate the organization of all agencies of the Government and shall determine what changes therein are necessary to accomplish the following purposes:

(1) To reduce expenditures to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient operation of the Government;

(2) To increase the efficiency of the operations of the Government to the fullest extent practicable within the revenues;

(3) To group, coordinate, and consolidate agencies of the Government, as nearly as may be, according to major purposes;

(4) To reduce the number of agencies by consolidating those having similar functions under a single head, and to abolish such agencies as may not be necessary for the efficient conduct of the Government; and

(5) To eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort.

(b) The Congress declares that the public interest demands the carrying out of the purposes specified in subsection (a) and that such purposes may be accomplished in great measure by proceeding immediately under the provisions of this title, and can be accomplished more speedily thereby than by the enactment of specific legislation.

SEC. 2. When used in this title, the term "agency" means any executive department, commission, independent establishment, corporation owned or controlled by the United States, board, bureau, division, service, office, authority, or administration, in the executive branch of the Government.

SEC. 3. No reorganization plan under section 4 shall provide—

(a) For the abolition or transfer of an executive department or all the functions thereof or for the establishment of any new executive department;

(b) In the case of the following agencies, for the transfer, consolidation, or abolition of the whole or any part of such agency or of its head, or of all or any of the functions of such agency or of its head: Civil Service Commission, Coast Guard, Engineer Corps of the United States Army, Mississippi River Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Power Commission, Fed-

eral Trade Commission, General Accounting Office, Interstate Commerce Commission, National Labor Relations Board, Securities and Exchange Commission, Board of Tax Appeals, United States Employees' Compensation Commission, United States Maritime Commission, United States Tariff Commission, Veterans' Administration, National Mediation Board, National Railroad Adjustment Board, Railroad Retirement Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; or

(c) For changing the name of any executive department or the title of its head, or for designating any agency as "Department" or its head as "Secretary"; or

(d) For the continuation of any agency beyond the period authorized by law for the existence of such agency; or

(e) For the continuation of any function of any agency beyond the period authorized by law for the exercise of such function; or

(f) For authorizing any agency to exercise any function which is not expressly authorized by law.

SEC. 4. Whenever the President, after investigation, finds that—

(a) the transfer of the whole or any part of any agency or the functions thereof to the jurisdiction and control of any other agency; or

(b) the consolidation of the functions vested in any agency; or

(c) the abolition of the whole or any part of any agency which agency or part (by reason of transfers under this Act or otherwise, or by reason of termination of its functions in any manner) does not have, or upon the taking effect of the reorganizations specified in the reorganization plan will not have, any functions,

is necessary to accomplish one or more of the purposes of section 1 (a), he shall—

(d) prepare a reorganization plan for the making of the transfers, consolidations, and abolitions, as to which he has made findings and which he includes in the plan. Such plan shall also—

(1) designate, in such cases as he deems necessary, the name of any agency affected by a reorganization and the title of its head;

(2) make provision for the transfer or other disposition of the records, property (including office equipment), and personnel affected by such transfer, consolidation, or abolition;

(3) make provision for the transfer of such unexpended balances of appropriations available for use in connection with the function or agency transferred or consolidated, as he deems necessary by reason of the transfer or consolidation for use in connection with the transferred or consolidated functions, or for the use of the agency to which the transfer is made, but such unexpended balances so transferred shall be used only for the purposes for which such appropriation is originally made;

(4) make provision for winding up the affairs of the agency abolished; and

(e) transmit such plan (bearing an identifying number) to the Congress, together with a declaration that, with respect to each transfer, consolidation, or abolition referred to in paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section and specified in the plan, he has found that such transfer, consolidation, or abolition is necessary to accomplish one or more of the purposes of section 1 (a). The delivery to both Houses shall be on the same day and shall be made to each House while it is in session.

The President, in his message transmitting a reorganization plan, shall state the reduction of expenditures which it is probable will be brought about by the taking effect of the reorganizations specified in the plan.

SEC. 5. The reorganizations specified in the plan shall take effect in accordance with the plan:

(a) Upon the expiration of sixty calendar days after the date on which the plan is transmitted to the Congress, but only if during such sixty-day period there has not been passed by the two Houses a concurrent resolution stating in substance that the Congress does not favor the reorganization plan.

(b) If the Congress adjourns sine die before the expiration of the sixty-day period, a new sixty-day period shall begin on the opening day of the next succeeding regular or special session. A similar rule shall be applicable in the case of subsequent adjournments sine die before the expiration of sixty days.

SEC. 6. No reorganization under this title shall have the effect—

(a) of continuing any agency or function beyond the time when it would have terminated if the reorganization had not been made; or

(b) of continuing any function beyond the time when the agency in which it was vested before the reorganization would have terminated if the reorganization had not been made; or

(c) of authorizing any agency to exercise any function which is not expressly authorized by law.

SEC. 7. For the purposes of this title any transfer, consolidation, abolition, designation, disposition, or winding up of affairs, referred to in section 4 (d), shall be deemed a "reorganization."

SEC. 8. (a) All orders, rules, regulations, permits, or other privileges made, issued, or granted by or in respect of any agency or function transferred to, or consolidated with, any other agency or function under the provisions of this title, and in effect at the time of the transfer or consolidation, shall continue in effect to the same extent as if such transfer or consolidation had not occurred, until modified, superseded, or repealed.

(b) No suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by or against the head of any agency or other officer of the United States, in his official capacity or in relation to the discharge of his official duties, shall abate by reason of any transfer of authority, power, and duties from one officer or agency of the Government to another under the provisions of this title, but the court, on motion or supplemental petition filed at any time within twelve months after such transfer takes effect, showing a necessity for a survival of such suit, action, or other proceeding to obtain a settlement of the questions involved, may allow the same to be maintained by or against the head of the agency or other officer of the United States to whom the authority, powers, and duties are transferred.

(c) All laws relating to any agency or function transferred to, or consolidated with, any other agency or function under the provisions of this title, shall, insofar as such laws are not inapplicable, remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. The appropriations or portions of appropriations unexpended by reason of the operation of this title shall not be used for any purpose, but shall be impounded and returned to the Treasury.

SEC. 10. (a) Whenever the employment of any person is terminated by a reduction of personnel as a result of a reorganization effected under this title, such person shall thereafter be given preference, when qualified, whenever an appointment is made in the executive branch of the Government, but such preference shall not be effective for a period longer than twelve months from the date the employment of such person is so terminated.

(b) Any transfer of personnel under this title shall be without change in classification or compensation, except that this requirement shall not operate after the end of the fiscal year during which the transfer is made to prevent the adjustment of classification or compensation to conform to the duties to which such transferred personnel may be assigned.

SEC. 11. If the reorganizations specified in a reorganization plan take effect, the reorganization plan shall be printed in the Statutes at Large in the same volume as the public laws, and shall be printed in the Federal Register.

SEC. 12. No reorganization specified in a reorganization plan shall take effect unless the plan is transmitted to the Congress before January 21, 1941.

PART 2

SEC. 21. The following sections of this part are enacted by the Congress:

(a) As an exercise of the rule-making power of the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, and as such they shall be considered as part of the rules of each House, respectively, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in such House in the case of resolutions (as defined in section 22); and such rules shall supersede other rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

(b) With full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change such rules (so far as relating to the procedure in such House) at any time, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of such House.

SEC. 22. As used in this part, the term "resolution" means only a concurrent resolution of the two Houses of Congress, the matter after the resolving clause

of which is as follows: "That the Congress does not favor the reorganization plan numbered ——— transmitted to Congress by the President on ———, 19—," the blank spaces therein being appropriately filled; and does not include a concurrent resolution which specifies more than one reorganization plan.

SEC. 23. A resolution with respect to a reorganization plan shall be referred to a committee (and all resolutions with respect to the same plan shall be referred to the same committee) by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the case may be.

SEC. 24. (a) If the committee to which has been referred a resolution with respect to a reorganization plan has not reported it before the expiration of ten calendar days after its introduction (or, in the case of a resolution received from the other House, ten calendar days after its receipt), it shall then (but not before) be in order to move either to discharge the committee from further consideration of such resolution, or to discharge the committee from further consideration of any other resolution with respect to such reorganization plan which has been referred to the committee.

(b) Such motion may be made only by a person favoring the resolution, shall be highly privileged (except that it may not be made after the committee has reported a resolution with respect to the same reorganization plan), and debate thereon shall be limited to not to exceed one hour, to be equally divided between those favoring and those opposing the resolution. No amendment to such motion shall be in order, and it shall not be in order to move to reconsider the vote by which such motion is agreed to or disagreed to.

(c) If the motion to discharge is agreed to or disagreed to, such motion may not be renewed, nor may another motion to discharge the committees be made with respect to any other resolution with respect to the same reorganization plan.

SEC. 25. (a) When the committee has reported, or has been discharged from further consideration of, a resolution with respect to a reorganization plan, it shall at any time thereafter be in order (even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consideration of such resolution. Such motion shall be highly privileged and shall not be debatable. No amendment to such motion shall be in order and it shall not be in order to move to reconsider the vote by which such motion¹ is agreed to or disagreed to.

(b) Debate on the resolution shall be limited to not to exceed ten hours, which shall be equally divided between those favoring and those opposing the resolution. A motion further to limit debate shall not be debatable. No amendment to, or motion to recommit, the resolution shall be in order, and it shall not be in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution is agreed to or disagreed to.

SEC. 26. (a) All motions to postpone, made with respect to the discharge from committee, or the consideration of, a resolution with respect to a reorganization plan, and all motions to proceed to the consideration of other business, shall be decided without debate.

(b) All appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of the rules of the Senate or the House of Representatives, as the case may be, to the procedure relating to a resolution with respect to a reorganization plan shall be decided without debate.

SEC. 27. If, prior to the passage by one House of a resolution of that House with respect to a reorganization plan, such House receives from the other House a resolution with respect to the same plan, then—

(a) If no resolution of the first House with respect to such plan has been referred to committee, no other resolution with respect to the same plan may be reported or (despite the provisions of section 24 (a) be made the subject of a motion to discharge.

(b) If a resolution of the first House with respect to such plan has been referred to committee—

(1) the procedure with respect to that or other resolutions of such House with respect to such plan which have been referred to committee shall be the same as if no resolution from the other House with respect to such plan had been received; but

(2) on any vote on final passage of a resolution of the first House with respect to such plan the resolution from the other House with respect to such plan shall be automatically substituted for the resolution of the first House.

¹ So in original.

TITLE II—BUDGETARY CONTROL

SEC. 201. Section 2 of the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 31, sec. 2), is amended by inserting after the word "including" the words "any independent regulatory commission or board and".

TITLE III—ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

SEC. 301. The President is authorized to appoint not to exceed six administrative assistants and to fix the compensation of each at the rate of not more than \$10,000 per annum. Each such administrative assistant shall perform such duties as the President may prescribe.

Approved, April 3, 1939.

(2) REORGANIZATION PLAN NUMBER I

Prepared by the President and transmitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled, April 25, 1939, pursuant to the provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1939, approved April 3, 1939²

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PART 3. FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

SECTION 301. *Federal Works Agency.*—(a) The Bureau of Public Roads in the Department of Agriculture and its functions and personnel (including the Chief thereof) are transferred from the Department of Agriculture; the Public Buildings Branch of the Procurement Division in the Treasury Department and its functions and personnel are transferred from the Treasury Department; the Branch of Buildings Management of the National Park Service in the Department of the Interior and its functions and personnel (except those relating to monuments and memorials), and the functions of the National Park Service in the District of Columbia in connection with the general assignment of space, the selection of sites for public buildings, and the determination of the priority in which the construction or enlargement of public buildings shall be undertaken, and the personnel engaged exclusively in the administration of such functions, and the United States Housing Authority in the Department of the Interior and its functions and personnel (including the Administrator) are transferred from the Department of the Interior; and all of these agencies and functions, together with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works and its functions, and all of the Works Progress Administration and its functions (except the National Youth Administration and its functions) are hereby consolidated into one agency to be known as the Federal Works Agency, with a Federal Works Administrator at the head thereof. The Federal Works Administrator shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$12,000 per annum. He shall have general direction and supervision over the administration of the several agencies consolidated into the Federal Works Agency by this section and shall be responsible for the coordination of their functions.

(b) The Federal Works Administrator shall appoint an Assistant Federal Works Administrator, who shall receive a salary at the rate of \$9,000 per annum, and he may also appoint such other personnel and make such expenditures as may be necessary.

(c) The Assistant Administrator shall act as Administrator during the absence or disability of the Administrator, or in the event of a vacancy in that office, and shall perform such other duties as the Administrator shall direct.

(d) The several agencies and functions consolidated by this section in the Federal Works Agency shall carry with them their personnel.

SEC. 302. *Public Roads Administration.*—(a) The Bureau of Public Roads and its functions shall be administered as the Public Roads Administration at the head of which shall be the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads whose title shall be changed to Commissioner of Public Roads. Hereafter the Commissioner of Public Roads shall be appointed by the Federal Works Administrator.

(b) All functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to the administration of the Bureau of Public Roads are hereby transferred to, and shall be exercised by, the Federal Works Administrator.

² 4 F. R. 2727 DI.

SEC. 303. *Public Buildings Administration.*—(a) The Public Buildings Branch of the Procurement Division and its functions, the Branch of Buildings Management of the National Park Service and its functions (except those relating to monuments and memorials), and the functions of the National Park Service in the District of Columbia in connection with the general assignment of space, the selection of sites for public buildings, and the determination of the priority in which the construction or enlargement of public buildings shall be undertaken, are hereby consolidated and shall be administered as the Public Buildings Administration with a Commissioner of Public Buildings at the head thereof. The Commissioner of Public Buildings shall be appointed by the Federal Works Administrator and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$9,000 per annum. The Commissioner of Public Buildings shall act under the direction and supervision of the Federal Works Administrator.

(b) All functions of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of Procurement relating to the Administration of the Public Buildings Branch of the Procurement Division and to the selection of location and sites for public buildings, and all functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service relating to the administration of the functions of the Branch of Buildings Management and the functions of the National Park Service in the District of Columbia in connection with the general assignment of space, the selection of sites for public buildings, and the determination of the priority in which the construction or enlargement of public buildings shall be undertaken, are hereby transferred to, and shall be exercised by, the Federal Works Administrator.

SEC. 304. *United States Housing Authority.*—(a) The United States Housing Authority and its functions shall be administered by the United States Housing Administrator under the direction and supervision of the Federal Works Administrator.³

(b) All functions of the Secretary of the Interior relating to the administration of the United States Housing Authority are hereby transferred to, and shall be exercised by, the Federal Works Administrator.

SEC. 305. *Public Works Administration.*—The Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works and its functions shall be administered as the Public Works Administration with a Commissioner of Public Works at the head thereof. The Commissioner of Public Works shall be appointed by the Federal Works Administrator and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$10,000 per annum. The Commissioner of Public Works shall act under the direction and supervision of the Federal Works Administrator.

SEC. 306. *Work Projects Administration.*—The Works Progress Administration and its functions (except the National Youth Administration and its functions) shall be administered as the Work Projects Administration, with a Commissioner of Work Projects at the head thereof. The Commissioner shall be appointed by the Federal Works Administrator and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$10,000 per annum. The Commissioner shall act under the direction and supervision of the Federal Works Administrator.

SEC. 307. *Transfer of records and property.*—All records and property (including office equipment) of the several agencies which, with their functions, are consolidated by section 301 into the Federal Works Agency are hereby transferred to the jurisdiction and control of the Federal Works Agency for use in the administration of the agencies and functions consolidated by that section.

SEC. 308. *Transfer of funds.*—(a) So much of the unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds available (including those available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940) for the use of any agency (except the United States Housing Authority) in the exercise of any functions transferred by this part, or for the use of the head of any department or agency in the exercise of any functions so transferred, and so much of such balances available to the United States Housing Authority for administrative expenses, as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall determine, shall be transferred for use in connection with the exercise of the functions transferred by this Part. In determining the amount to be transferred the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may include an amount to provide for the liquidation of obligations incurred against such appropriations, allocations, or other funds prior to the

³ See Sec. 3 (a) of the United States Housing Act, p. 3.

transfer: *Provided*, That the use of the unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds transferred by this section shall be subject to the provisions of section 4 (d) (3) and section 9 of the Reorganization Act of 1939.

(b) All unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds available (including those available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940) for the use of the United States Housing Authority, other than those transferred by subsection (a) of this section, are hereby transferred with the United States Housing Authority and shall remain available to it for the exercise of its functions.

SEC. 309. *Administrative funds*.—The Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall allocate to the Federal Works Agency, from appropriations, allocations, or other funds available (including those available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940) for the administrative expenses of the agencies and functions consolidated by section 301, such sums, and in such proportions, as he may find necessary for the administrative expenses of the Federal Works Agency.

SEC. 310. *Personnel*.—Any of the personnel transferred by this part found to be in excess of the personnel necessary for the efficient administration of the functions transferred by this part shall be retransferred under existing law to other positions in the Government service, or separated from the service subject to the provisions of section 10 (a) of the Reorganization Act of 1939.

(3) STATUTORY CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE DATE OF REORGANIZATION PLAN NUMBER I

[PUBLIC RESOLUTION—No. 20—76TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 193—1ST SESSION]

[S. J. Res. 138]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing that reorganization plans numbered I and II shall take effect on July 1, 1939

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of reorganization plan numbered I, submitted to the Congress on April 25, 1939, and the provisions of reorganization plan numbered II, submitted to the Congress on May 9, 1939, shall take effect on July 1, 1939, notwithstanding the provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1939.

SEC. 2. Nothing in such plans or this joint resolution shall be construed as having the effect of continuing any agency or function beyond the time when it would have terminated without regard to such plans or this joint resolution or of continuing any function beyond the time when the agency in which it was vested would have terminated without regard to such plans or this joint resolution.

Approved, June 7, 1939.

APPENDIX B.—FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS

(1) TRANSFERS FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY

(a) EXECUTIVE ORDER TRANSFERRING TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY FEDERAL HOUSING PROJECTS, FUNDS, PROPERTY AND EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS¹

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the United States Housing Act of 1937, approved September 1, 1937 (Public No. 412, 75th Congress), and in order to effectuate the purposes thereof, I hereby transfer to the United States Housing Authority, effective on November 1, 1937:

1. All right, interest, and title held by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in any housing or slum-clearance projects constructed or in the process of construction on the date of enactment of the said Act (except certain portions or parcels of real estate, including easement rights, which the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works has heretofore reserved for dedication or grant pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act approved June 29, 1936, 49 Stat. 2026). Where more than one such project is located within the territorial boundaries of a city, all of the projects in that city shall be treated as a single project of the United States Housing Authority, without, however, prejudicing the power of the Authority to make separate sales, leases or other disposition of part or parts of the combined project or to make separate loans, capital grants or annual contributions in connection therewith.

2. All assets, contracts, records, applications, libraries, research materials and other property, held by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in connection with housing or slum-clearance projects transferred under paragraph 1 hereof or with housing or slum-clearance activities (except those portions or parcels of real estate reserved for dedication or grant, as aforesaid); provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as impairing or affecting the obligation of the United States of America under any contracts transferred hereby.

3. Any unexpended balance of funds allocated to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for the construction of any housing or slum-clearance projects constructed or in the process of construction on the date of enactment of the said Act (except \$200,000 of the balance of funds allocated for the construction of the housing projects in Puerto Rico known as H-3600-CA and H-3600-SJA).

4. Such unexpended balances of moneys made available to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for administrative expenses under the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1938, approved June 28, 1937 (Public No. 171, 75th Congress) as amended by the Public Works Administration Extension Act of 1937, approved June 29, 1937 (Public Res. No. 47, 75th Congress), as, with the approval of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works shall certify would otherwise have been used by the Housing Division of said Administration for administrative expenses.

5. All employees of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works who are actually serving on the effective date of this order, and who shall be certified within six months from the date of this order, by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works as having been engaged in work connected

¹ 2 F. R. 2324.

with housing or slum-clearance on or prior to the date of enactment of the said Act; provided that employees transferred pursuant to this Order shall not thereby acquire a competitive civil service status, but such employees (except officers, experts and attorneys) who are transferred and whose compensation per annum is \$1,980 or less may acquire a competitive civil service status after compliance with the provisions of Section 6 of Rule II of the Civil Service Rules.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
October 27, 1937.

[No. 7732]

(b) EXECUTIVE ORDER TRANSFERRING CERTAIN HOUSING OR SLUM-CLEARANCE PROJECTS TO THE PUERTO RICO RECONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION ²

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Title II of the National Industrial Recovery Act, approved June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 200), and the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, approved April 8, 1935 (49 Stat. 115), and in order to effectuate the purposes of those Acts, it is ordered as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 7732 of October 27, 1937, transferring certain Federal housing or slum-clearance projects from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works to the United States Housing Authority, is hereby revoked in so far as it pertains to or affects the following-described housing or slum-clearance projects in Puerto Rico:

(a) Housing Division Project No. H-3600-SJ-A, Official Project No. 52-8384, constructed and being carried out in San Juan, Puerto Rico, pursuant to Presidential Letter No. 880 of October 28, 1935.

(b) Housing Division Project No. H-3600-C-A, Official Project No. 52-5353, constructed and being carried out in Caguas, Puerto Rico, pursuant to Presidential Letter No. 1579 of May 2, 1936.

2. All right, title, and interest held on October 31, 1937, by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in the two above-described projects are hereby transferred to the Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration, together with the following:

(a) All assets, contracts, records, and other property held by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works on October 31, 1937, in connection with the above-described projects: *Provided, however*, that nothing herein shall be construed as impairing or affecting the obligation of the United States under any contracts hereby transferred.

(b) All funds allocated to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works which were available on October 31, 1937, for the construction and completion of the above-mentioned projects and are not yet expended.

(c) All employees who are actually serving in Puerto Rico on the effective date of this order and who shall be certified within one month from this date by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works as having been employed in the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in Puerto Rico on October 31, 1937, in connection with the construction or administration of the above-described projects.

3. The Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration, through the Administrator thereof, shall supervise, control, and administer the above-described projects and the funds, property, and employees hereby transferred, in accordance with the said Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 and the act of February 11, 1936, entitled "An Act to provide that funds allocated to Puerto Rico under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 may be expended for permanent rehabilitation, and for other purposes" (49 Stat. 1135).

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
March 12, 1938.

[No. 7839]

² 3 F. R. 575.

(c) EXECUTIVE ORDER TRANSFERRING TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY
CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES IN THE FIELD SERVICE OF THE FEDERAL
EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS ENGAGED ON FEDERAL HOUSING
PROJECTS

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the United States Housing Act of 1937, approved September 1, 1937 (50 Stat. 888), and in order to effectuate the purposes thereof, it is hereby ordered that employees of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works occupying custodial and maintenance positions in the field service on November 1, 1937, whose compensation is computed on an hourly, daily, or annual basis when actually employed, who have been engaged in substantially continuous duty, and who shall be certified not later than September 1, 1938, by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works as having been engaged on work connected with housing or slum-clearance on or prior to the date of enactment of the said Act, are hereby transferred to the United States Housing Authority effective as of November 1, 1937:

Provided, that employees transferred pursuant to this order shall not thereby acquire a competitive civil service status, but such employees whose compensation is not in excess of \$1,980 *per annum*, or whose hourly or daily rates of compensation is computed on an annual basis would not be in excess of \$1,980 *per annum*, may acquire a competitive civil service status upon compliance with the provisions of section 6 of Civil Service Rule II.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
July 16, 1938.

[No. 7934]

(2) STATUTES WAIVING EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF
THE UNITED STATES OVER PROJECTS AND PER-
MITTING THE MAKING OF PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF
TAXES

[PUBLIC—No. 837—74TH CONGRESS³]

[S. 3247]

AN ACT

To waive any exclusive jurisdiction over premises of Public Works Administration slum-clearance and low-cost housing projects, to authorize payments to States and political subdivisions in lieu of taxes on such premises, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the acquisition by the United States of any real property heretofore or hereafter acquired in connection with any low-cost housing or slum-clearance project heretofore or hereafter constructed with funds allotted to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works pursuant to title II of the National Industry⁴ Recovery Act, the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, or any other law, shall not be held to deprive any State or political subdivision thereof of its civil and criminal jurisdiction in and over such property, or to impair the civil rights under the local law of the tenants or inhabitants on such property; and insofar as any such jurisdiction has been taken away from any such State or subdivision, or any such rights have been impaired, jurisdiction over any such property is hereby ceded back to such State or subdivision.

SEC. 2. Upon the request of any State or political subdivision in which any such project has been or will be constructed, the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works is authorized to enter into an agreement, and to consent to the renewal or alteration thereof, with such State or subdivisions for the payment by the United States of sums in lieu of taxes. Such sums shall be fixed in such agreement and shall be based upon the cost of the public or municipal services to be supplied for the benefit of such project or the per-

³ 49 Stat. 2025.

⁴ So in original.

sons residing on or occupying such premises, but taking into consideration the benefits to be derived by such State or subdivision from such project.

SEC. 3. Such payments in lieu of taxes, and any other expenditures for operation and maintenance (including insurance) of any low-cost housing or slum-clearance project described in section 1, shall be made out of the receipts derived from the operation of such projects. To provide for such payments and expenditures the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works is authorized from time to time to retain out of such receipts such sums as he may estimate to be necessary for such purposes.

SEC. 4. (a) In the administration of any low-cost housing or slum-clearance project described in section 1, the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works shall fix the rentals at an amount at least sufficient to pay (1) all necessary and proper administrative expenses of the project; (2) such sums as will suffice to repay, within a period not exceeding sixty years, at least 55 per centum of the initial cost of the project, together with interest at such rate as he deems advisable.

(b) Dwelling accommodations in such low-cost housing or slum-clearance projects shall be available only to families who lack sufficient income, without the benefit of financial assistance, to enable them to live in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings and under other than overcrowded housing conditions: *Provided*, That no family shall be accepted as a tenant in any such project whose aggregate income exceeds five times the rental of the quarters to be furnished such family. The term "rental" as used in this subsection includes the average cost (as determined by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works) of heat, light, water, and cooking, where such services are not supplied by the lessor and included in the rent.

SEC. 5. In connection with any low-cost housing or slum-clearance project described in section 1, the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works, with the approval of the President, is authorized to dedicate streets, alleys, and parks for public use, and to grant easements.

Approved, June 29, 1936.

[PUBLIC—No. 845—74TH CONGRESS⁵]

[H. R. 12876]

AN ACT

To waive any exclusive jurisdiction over premises of resettlement or rural-rehabilitation projects; to authorize payments to States, political subdivisions, and local taxing units in lieu of taxes on such premises; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the acquisition by the United States of any real property heretofore or hereafter acquired for any resettlement project or any rural-rehabilitation project for resettlement purposes heretofore or hereafter constructed with funds allotted or transferred to the Resettlement Administration pursuant to the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, or any other law, shall not be held to deprive any State or political subdivision thereof of its civil and criminal jurisdiction in and over such property, or to impair the civil rights under the local law of the tenants or inhabitants on such property; and insofar as any such jurisdiction has been taken away from any such State or subdivision, or any such rights have been impaired, jurisdiction over any such property is hereby ceded back to such State or subdivision.

SEC. 2. Upon the request of any State or political subdivision thereof, or any other local public taxing unit, in which any such project, described in section 1, has been or will be constructed, the Resettlement Administration is authorized to enter into an agreement, and to consent to the renewal or alteration thereof, with such State or political subdivision thereof, or other local taxing unit, for the payment by the United States of sums in lieu of taxes. Such sums shall be fixed in such agreement and shall be based upon the cost of the public or municipal services to be supplied for the benefit of such project or the persons residing on or occupying such premises, but taking into consideration the benefits to be derived by such State or subdivision or other taxing unit from such project.

⁵ 49 Stat. 2035.

SEC. 3. The receipts derived from the operation of such projects, described in section 1, in addition to the moneys appropriated or allocated for such projects, shall be available for such payments in lieu of taxes and for any other expenditures for operation and maintenance (including insurance) of such projects. To provide for such payments and expenditures, the Resettlement Administration is authorized from time to time to retain out of such receipts such sums as it may estimate to be necessary for such purposes.

SEC. 4. In connection with any such project, described in section 1, the Resettlement Administration, with the approval of the President, is authorized to dedicate land for streets, alleys, and parks, and for any other public use or purpose, and to grant easements.

Approved, June 29, 1936.

APPENDIX C.—APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSING AU- THORITY

(1) SUBSCRIPTION TO CAPITAL STOCK

[PUBLIC—No. 354—75TH CONGRESS¹]

[CHAPTER 757—1ST SESSION]

[H. R. 8245]

AN ACT

Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for other purposes, namely:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Subscription to capital stock, United States Housing Authority: To enable the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments on account of subscriptions to the capital stock of the United States Housing Authority in accordance with the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, fiscal year 1938, to remain available until expended, \$1,000,000.

(2) SECOND DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION ACT—FISCAL YEAR 1938

[PUBLIC—No. 723—75TH CONGRESS²]

[CHAPTER 681—3D SESSION]

[H. R. 10851]

AN ACT

Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1938, and June 30, 1939, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30,

¹ 50 Stat. 755, 772.

² 52 Stat. 1114, 1120.

1938, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1938, and June 30, 1939, and for other purposes, namely:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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UNITED STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY

Salaries and expenses: Such unexpended funds as remain, after completion of the housing or slum-clearance projects transferred from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, from the funds authorized to be expended for such projects by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works under title II of the National Industrial Recovery Act and the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 and transferred to the United States Housing Authority under Executive Order Numbered 7732 of October 27, 1937, as modified by Executive Order Numbered 7839 of March 12, 1938, are hereby reappropriated and made available for the purposes of the United States Housing Act of 1937, and of these funds and other funds of the Authority there is hereby made available during the fiscal year 1939 not to exceed \$3,500,000 for administrative expenses of the Authority, in carrying out the United States Housing Act of 1937, including personal services and rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; traveling expenses; printing and binding; procurement of supplies, equipment, and services; reproducing, photographing, and labor-saving devices and office appliances, including their repair and exchange; payment, when specifically authorized by the Administrator, of actual transportation expenses and not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence and other expenses to persons serving, while away from their homes, without other compensation from the United States, in an advisory capacity to the Authority; payment of the necessary traveling and other expenses of officers and employees of any agency of the Federal, State, or local Governments whose services are utilized in the work of the Authority; not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchase and exchange of law books and other books of reference, periodicals, newspapers, and press clippings; not to exceed \$2,500 for exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, to be used only for official purposes; not to exceed \$1,000 for expenses of attendance, when specifically authorized by the Administrator, at meetings or conventions concerned with the work of the Authority; not to exceed \$10,000 for the preparation, mounting, shipping, and installation of exhibits; not to exceed \$5,000 for employing persons or organizations, by contract or otherwise, for special reporting, engineering, technical, and other services determined necessary by the Administrator, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5), and without regard to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended: *Provided*, That all necessary expenses in connection with the completion of construction, development, management, and operation of projects transferred to the Authority by said Executive orders may be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes hereof, and be paid from the funds allotted for or the rents from each project.

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SEC. 206. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act or authorized hereby to be expended shall be obligated during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to pay the compensation of any officer or employee of the Government of the United States, or of any agency the majority of the stock of which is owned by the Government of the United States, whose post of duty is in continental United States unless such person is a citizen of the United States, or a person in the service of the United States on the date of the enactment of this Act who being eligible for citizenship has filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen which is valid and has not expired or who owes allegiance to the United States.

SEC. 207. The term "declaration of intention" as it appears in section 3 of the State, Justice, Commerce, and Labor Appropriation Act, 1939, section 5 of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1939, and section 5 of the Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Act, 1939, shall be construed to be a declaration of intention which is valid and has not expired.

SEC. 208. This Act may be cited as the "Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1938".

Approved, June 25, 1938.

(3) INTERIOR DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION ACT—
FISCAL YEAR 1940

[PUBLIC—No. 68—76TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 119—1ST SESSION]

[H. R. 4852]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, namely:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES

Salaries: For the Secretary of the Interior, Under Secretary, First Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and other personal services in the District of Columbia, \$549,630: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, with the exception of the First Assistant Secretary and the Assistant Secretary, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, as amended, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade, except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and is specifically authorized by other law, or (5) to reduce the compensation of any person in a grade in which only one position is allocated.

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UNITED STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY

Salaries and expenses: Not to exceed \$4,500,000 of the funds of the United States Housing Authority, established by the United States Housing Act of 1937 (50 Stat. 888), as amended by the United States Housing Act Amendments of 1938 (52 Stat. 820), shall be available during the fiscal year 1940 for administrative expenses of the Authority in carrying out the provisions of said Acts, including personal services and rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; traveling expenses; printing and binding; procurement of supplies, equipment, and services; reproducing, photographing, and labor-saving devices and office appliances, including their repair and exchange; payment of the necessary traveling and other expenses of officers and employees of any agency of the Federal, State, or local governments whose services are utilized in the work of the Authority; not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchase and exchange of law books and other books of reference, periodicals, newspapers, and press clippings; not to exceed \$10,000 for purchase, including exchange, hire, maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, to be

used only for official purposes; not to exceed \$2,500 for expenses of attendance, when specifically authorized by the Administrator, at meetings or conventions concerned with the work of the Authority; not to exceed \$15,000 for the preparation, mounting, shipping, and installation of exhibits; not to exceed \$25,000 for employing persons or organizations, by contract or otherwise, for special reporting, engineering, technical, legal, and other services determined necessary by the Administrator, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5), and without regard to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended: *Provided*, That of the \$4,500,000 hereby made available for administrative expenses of the Authority, not to exceed \$1,500,000 shall be available for such expenses incurred at the site, and in connection with the construction of the United States Housing Authority non-Federal projects, and shall be reimbursed by the public housing agencies constructing such projects, and such reimbursements shall be available for administrative expenses of the Authority: *Provided further*, That hereafter all necessary expenses in connection with the management and operation of projects transferred to the Authority by Executive Order Numbered 7732 of October 27, 1937, as modified by Executive Order Numbered 7839 of March 12, 1938, may be considered as nonadministrative expenses, notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of the Act of June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1647, 1648), and be paid from the rents received from each transferred project: *Provided further*, That hereafter the funds made available for administrative expenses of the United States Housing Authority shall be available for the payment, when specifically authorized by the Administrator, of actual transportation expenses and not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence and other expenses to persons serving, while away from their homes, without other compensation from the United States, in an advisory capacity to the Authority: *Provided further*, That no part of the funds made available in this paragraph for administrative expenses of the Authority shall be used to increase the salary of any position which on the date of the approval of this Act is provided for at the rate of \$4,000 or more per annum, except in consequence of a reallocation of position under the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

Annual contributions: For the payment of annual contributions to public housing agencies in accordance with section 10 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (50 Stat. 888), as amended by the United States Housing Act Amendments of 1938 (52 Stat. 820), \$5,000,000.

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SEC. 2. Appropriations herein made for field work shall be available for the hire, with or without personal services, of work animals and animal-drawn and motor-propelled vehicles and equipment.

SEC. 3. Appropriations herein made shall be available for the purchase, maintenance, operation, and repair of vehicles generally known as quarter-ton or half-ton pick-up trucks without such trucks being considered as passenger-carrying vehicles and without the cost of purchase, maintenance, operation, and repair being included in the limitation in the various appropriation items for the purchase, maintenance, operation, and repair of motor-driven passenger-carrying vehicles.

SEC. 4. That hereafter no part of this or any other appropriation for any executive department, establishment, or agency shall be used for the payment of long-distance telephone tolls except for the transaction of public business which the interests of the Government require to be so transacted; and all such payments shall be supported by a certificate by the head of the department, establishment, or agency concerned, or such subordinates as he may specially designate, to the effect that the use of the telephone in such instances was necessary in the interest of the Government.

SEC. 5. This Act may be cited as the "Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1940."

Approved, May 10, 1939.

APPENDIX D.—CIVIL SERVICE

(1) EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE B, CIVIL SERVICE RULES, LISTING POSITIONS WHICH MAY BE FILLED UPON NONCOMPETITIVE EXAMINA- TION

EXECUTIVE ORDER—AMENDMENT OF SUBDIVISION I, SCHEDULE B, CIVIL SERVICE RULES ¹

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the provisions of paragraph Eighth, Subdivision SECOND, section 2 of the Civil Service Act (22 Stat. 403, 404), it is ordered that Subdivision I of Schedule B of the Civil Service Rules be, and it is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

8. Such administrative or custodial positions in the field service of the United States Housing Authority relating to the management or maintenance of Federal low-rent housing projects, which in the opinion of the Civil Service Commission cannot be filled satisfactorily through open competitive examination: *Provided*, that no positions shall be filled under this paragraph unless it is clearly demonstrated that the best interests of the service will be served thereby.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
April 20, 1938.

[No. 7872]

EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING SCHEDULES A AND B OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES ²

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution, by Section 1753 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 631), by the Civil Service Act of January 16, 1883 (22 Stat. 403), and as President of the United States, Schedules A and B of the Civil Service Rules are hereby amended to read as follows:

SCHEDULE A

Positions Excepted From Examination Under Section 3, Civil Service Rule II

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SCHEDULE B

Positions Which May Be Filled Upon Noncompetitive Examination

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II. United States Housing Authority

1. Such administrative or custodial positions in the field service of the United States Housing Authority relating to the management or maintenance of Federal low-rent housing projects which, in the opinion of the Commission, cannot be filled satisfactorily through open competitive examination; provided that no position shall be filled under this paragraph unless it is clearly demonstrated that the best interests of the service will be served thereby.

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¹ 3 F. R. 795.

² 4 F. R. 493 DI.

The Civil Service Commission with the concurrence of the department or agency concerned may revoke in whole or in part any paragraph of Schedule A or B.

Final decision as to whether the duties of any position in the executive civil service are such that appointments thereto are authorized under any paragraph of Schedule A or B shall rest with the Civil Service Commission.

This order shall be effective February 1, 1939.

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 31, 1939.

[No. 8043]

(2) EXECUTIVE ORDERS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIVISION OF PERSONNEL SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE COMPETITIVE CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE³

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution, by Section 1753 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., Title 5, Section 631), by the Civil Service Act of January 16, 1883 (22 Stat. 403), and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. Effective February 1, 1939, all positions in the Executive civil service, including positions in corporations wholly owned or controlled by the United States, which are not now in the competitive classified civil service and which are not exempted therefrom by statute, except (1) policy-determining positions and (2) other positions which special circumstances require should be exempted, are covered into the competitive classified civil service: *Provided*, That this section shall not be deemed to apply to positions filled by appointment by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; *And provided further*, That no positions shall be exempted from the competitive classified civil service under clauses (1) and (2) above except such as shall be designated in subsequent Executive orders issued after investigation showing the necessity and justification for such exemptions. This section shall also apply to positions affected by statutes which exempt them from the competitive classified civil service but authorize the President in his discretion to cover them into such service.

SECTION 2. Within ninety days from the date of this order the heads of all departments and independent establishments, including corporations wholly owned or controlled by the United States, whose personnel or any part thereof is affected by Section 1 of this order, shall certify to the Civil Service Commission for transmission by it with its recommendations to the President the positions in their respective departments or agencies which in their opinion should be excepted from the provisions of Section 1 of this order as policy-determining or for other reasons.

SECTION 3. The incumbent of any position which is covered into the competitive classified civil service by Section 1 of this order shall acquire a classified civil service status (1) upon recommendation by the head of the agency concerned and certification by such head to the Civil Service Commission that such incumbent was in the service on the date of this order and has rendered satisfactory service for not less than six months, and (2) upon passing a suitable noncompetitive examination prescribed by the Civil Service Commission under the civil service rules: *Provided*, That he is a citizen of the United States and is not disqualified by any provision of law or civil service rule. Any such incumbent who fails to meet the foregoing requirements of this section shall be separated from the service within thirty days (exclusive of leave to which he is entitled) after the Commission reports that he is ineligible for classification unless the head of the agency concerned certifies to the Commission that such incumbent has rendered satisfactory service and that he should be retained although without acquiring a competitive classified status.

³ 3 F. R. 1526 DI.

SECTION 4. New appointments to any positions covered into the competitive classified civil service by Section 1 of this order shall not be affected by the provisions of said section until the Civil Service Commission shall have established registers of eligibles for such positions as a result of examinations held in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations and with this order.

SECTION 5. The Civil Service Commission shall, subject to the Civil Service Act, the rules thereunder, and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, initiate, supervise, and enforce a system as uniform as practicable, for the recruitment, examination, certification, promotion from grade to grade, transfer, and reinstatement of employees in the classified civil service, other than employees therein excepted by Executive orders, issued pursuant to clauses (1) and (2) of Section 1 hereof, which system shall, so far as practicable, be competitive, with due regard to prior experience and service.

SECTION 6. Effective not later than February 1, 1939, the heads of the Executive departments and the heads of such independent establishments and agencies subject to civil service laws and rules as the President shall designate, shall establish in their respective departments or establishments a division of personnel supervision and management, at the head of which shall be appointed a director of personnel qualified by training and experience, from among those whose names are certified for such appointment by the Civil Service Commission pursuant to such competitive tests and requirements as the Civil Service Commission shall prescribe: *Provided*, however, that if the head of a department or establishment requests authority to appoint a presently acting personnel or appointment director, officer, or clerk, as such director of personnel, such personnel or appointment director, officer, or clerk may be appointed upon certification by the Civil Service Commission that he is qualified therefor after passing such tests as the Civil Service Commission shall prescribe. It shall be the duty of each director of personnel to act as liaison officer in personnel matters between his department or establishment and the Civil Service Commission, and to make recommendations to the departmental budget officer with respect to estimates and expenditures for personnel. He shall supervise the functions of appointment, assignment, service rating, and training of employees in his department or establishment, under direction of the head thereof, and shall initiate and supervise such programs of personnel training and management as the head thereof after consultation with the Civil Service Commission shall approve, including the establishment of a system of service ratings for departmental and field forces outside of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, which shall conform as nearly as practicable with the system established under the said Act. Subject to the approval of the head of such department or establishment and of the Civil Service Commission he shall establish means for the hearing of grievances of employees and present appropriate recommendation for the settlement thereof to the head of his department or establishment. He shall serve as a member of the Council of Personnel Administration hereinafter established, and perform such other functions as the head of the department or agency after consultation with the Civil Service Commission shall prescribe. A director of personnel may be transferred from one department or establishment to another from time to time, subject to the provisions of the civil service rules and with the approval of the head of the agency to which transfer is proposed.

SECTION 7. Effective February 1, 1939, there is established a Council of Personnel Administration consisting of the directors of personnel of the several departments and independent establishments, one additional representative of the Bureau of the Budget, one additional representative of the Civil Service Commission, and such additional members as the President shall designate. The President shall designate one of the members of the Council to act as chairman thereof, and the Council may designate an executive director. The Council shall advise and assist the President and the Commission in the protection and improvement of the merit system, and recommend from time to time to the President or the Commission needed changes in procedure, rules, or regulations. When directed so to do by the President or the Commission, the Council shall hold hearings and conduct investigations with respect to alleged abuses and proposed changes. The Council shall carry on programs of study to coordinate and perfect the executive personnel service in all its branches, and shall report upon the progress of personnel administration throughout the service. The Council shall have an executive committee of five members: one representing the ten executive departments to be chosen by the

Directors of Personnel thereof; one representing the independent establishments and agencies to be chosen by the Directors of Personnel thereof; one representing the Bureau of the Budget to be chosen by the Director thereof; one representing the Civil Service Commission to be chosen by it; and one to be designated by the President. Executive Order No. 5612 of April 25, 1931, is hereby revoked.

SECTION 8. The Civil Service Commission shall, in cooperation with operating departments and establishments, the Office of Education, and public and private institutions of learning, establish practical training courses for employees in the departmental and field services of the classified civil service, and may by regulations provide credits in transfer and promotion examinations for satisfactory completion of one or more of such training courses.

SECTION 9. Schedules A and B of the Civil Service Rules, as presently existing, relating to positions excepted from examination and positions which may be filled upon noncompetitive examination, will be superseded by schedules designating policy-determining positions and other positions which special circumstances require should be exempted, which schedules will be set forth in subsequent Executive orders as provided in section 1 hereof.

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,
June 24, 1938

[No. 7916]

[F. R. Doc. 38-1815; Filed, June 24, 1938; 3:20 p. m.]

EXECUTIVE ORDER—DESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS AND AGENCIES
UNDER SECTION 6 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7916 OF JUNE 24, 1938⁴

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution, section 1753 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 5, sec. 631), and the Civil Service Act (22 Stat. 403), and as President of the United States, I hereby designate the following-named independent establishments and agencies as organizations which are required to comply with the provisions of section 6 of Executive Order No. 7916, dated June 24, 1938, relating to the establishment of Divisions of Personnel Supervision and Management:

Civil Aeronautics Authority
Civil Service Commission
Farm Credit Administration
General Accounting Office
Government Printing Office
Interstate Commerce Commission
The Panama Canal
Railroad Retirement Board
Securities and Exchange Commission
Social Security Board
United States Housing Authority
United States Maritime Commission
Veterans' Administration

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,
September 16, 1938

[No. 7975-A]

⁴ 3 F. R. 2271 DI.

APPENDIX E.—LABOR LAWS

(1) WAGES

[PUBLIC—No. 403—74TH CONGRESS¹]

[S. 3303]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved March 3, 1931, relating to the rate of wages for laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on public buildings

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act relating to the rate of wages for laborers and mechanics employed on public buildings of the United States and the District of Columbia by contractors or subcontractors, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1931, is amended to read as follows:

"That the advertised specifications for every contract in excess of \$2,000, to which the United States or the District of Columbia is a party, for construction, alteration, and/or repair, including painting and decorating, of public buildings or public works of the United States or the District of Columbia within the geographical limits of the States of the Union or the District of Columbia, and which requires or involves the employment of mechanics and/or laborers shall contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics which shall be based upon the wages that will be determined by the Secretary of Labor to be prevailing for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the city, town, village, or other civil subdivision of the State in which the work is to be performed, or in the District of Columbia if the work is to be performed there; and every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that the contractor or his subcontractor shall pay all mechanics and laborers employed directly upon the site of the work, unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account, the full amounts accrued at time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated in the advertised specifications, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor or subcontractor and such laborers and mechanics, and that the scale of wages to be paid shall be posted by the contractor in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of the work; and the further stipulation that there may be withheld from the contractor so much of accrued payments as may be considered necessary by the contracting officer to pay to laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or any subcontractor on the work the difference between the rates of wages required by the contract to be paid laborers and mechanics on the work and the rates of wages received by such laborers and mechanics and not refunded to the contractor, subcontractors, or their agents.

"SEC. 2. Every contract within the scope of this Act shall contain the further provision that in the event it is found by the contracting officer that any laborer or mechanic employed by the contractor or any subcontractor directly on the site of the work covered by the contract has been or is being paid a rate of wages less than the rate of wages required by the contract to be paid as aforesaid, the Government may, by written notice to the contractor, terminate his right to proceed with the work or such part of the work as to which there has been a failure to pay said required wages and to prosecute the work to completion by contract or otherwise, and the contractor and his sureties shall be liable to the Government for any excess costs occasioned the Government thereby.

"SEC. 3. (a) The Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to pay directly to laborers and mechanics from any accrued payments withheld under the terms of the contract any wages found to be due laborers and mechanics pursuant to this Act; and the Comptroller

¹ 49 Stat. 1011.

General of the United States is further authorized and is directed to distribute a list to all departments of the Government giving the names of persons or firms whom he has found to have disregarded their obligations to employees and subcontractors. No contract shall be awarded to the persons or firms appearing on this list or to any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which such persons or firms have an interest until three years have elapsed from the date of publication of the list containing the names of such persons or firms.

"(b) If the accrued payments withheld under the terms of the contract, as aforesaid, are insufficient to reimburse all the laborers and mechanics with respect to whom there has been a failure to pay the wages required pursuant to this Act, such laborers and mechanics shall have the right of action and/or of intervention against the contractor and his sureties conferred by law upon persons furnishing labor or materials, and in such proceedings it shall be no defense that such laborers and mechanics accepted or agreed to accept less than the required rate of wages or voluntarily made refunds.

"SEC. 4. This Act shall not be construed to supersede or impair any authority otherwise granted by Federal law to provide for the establishment of specific wage rates.

"SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect thirty days after its passage, but shall not affect any contract then existing or any contract that may thereafter be entered into pursuant to invitations for bids that are outstanding at the time of the passage of this Act.

"SEC. 6. In the event of a national emergency the President is authorized to suspend the provisions of this Act.

"SEC. 7. The funds appropriated and made available by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 (Public Resolution Numbered 11, Seventy-fourth Congress), are hereby made available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, to the Department of Labor for expenses of the administration of this Act."

Approved, August 30, 1935.

(2) HOURS

[PUBLIC—No. 199—62d CONGRESS ⁵]

AN ACT

Limiting the hours of daily service of laborers and mechanics employed upon work done for the United States, or for any Territory, or for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every contract hereafter made to which the United States, any Territory, or the District of Columbia is a party, and every such contract made for or on behalf of the United States, or any Territory, or said District, which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall contain a provision that no laborer or mechanic doing any part of the work contemplated by the contract, in the employ of the contractor or any subcontractor contracting for any part of said work contemplated, shall be required or permitted to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day upon such work; and every such contract shall stipulate a penalty for each violation of such provision in such contract of five dollars for each laborer or mechanic for every calendar day in which he shall be required or permitted to labor more than eight hours upon said work; and any officer or person designated as inspector of the work to be performed under any such contract, or to aid in enforcing the fulfillment thereof, shall, upon observation or investigation, forthwith report to the proper officer of the United States, or of any Territory, or of the District of Columbia, all violations of the provisions of this act directed to be made in every such contract, together with the name of each laborer or mechanic who has been required or permitted to labor in violation of such stipulation and the day of such violation, and the amount of the penalties imposed according to the stipulation in any such contract shall be directed to be withheld for the use and benefit of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Territory contracting by the officer or person whose duty it shall be to approve the

⁵ 37 Stat. 137.

payment of the moneys due under such contract, whether the violation of the provisions of such contract is by the contractor or any subcontractor. Any contractor or subcontractor aggrieved by the withholding of any penalty as hereinbefore provided shall have the right within six months thereafter to appeal to the head of the department making the contract on behalf of the United States or the Territory, and in the case of a contract made by the District of Columbia to the Commissioners thereof, who shall have power to review the act imposing the penalty, and in all such appeals from such final order whereby a contractor or subcontractor may be aggrieved by the imposition of the penalty hereinbefore provided such contractor or subcontractor may within six months after decision by such head of a department or the Commissioners of the District of Columbia file a claim in the Court of Claims, which shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide the matter in like manner as in other cases before said court.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this act shall apply to contracts for transportation by land or water, or for the transmission of intelligence, or for the purchase of supplies by the Government, whether manufactured to conform to particular specifications or not, or for such materials or articles as may usually be bought in open market, except armor and armor plate, whether made to conform to particular specifications or not, or to the construction or repair of levees or revetments necessary for protection against floods or overflows on the navigable waters of the United States: *Provided*, That all classes of work which have been, are now, or may hereafter be performed by the Government shall, when done by contract, by individuals, firms, or corporations for or on behalf of the United States or any of the Territories or the District of Columbia, be performed in accordance with the terms and provisions of section one of this act. The President, by Executive order, may waive the provisions and stipulations in this act as to any specific contract or contracts during time of war or a time when war is imminent, and until January first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, as to any contract or contracts entered into in connection with the construction of the Isthmian Canal. No penalties shall be imposed for any violation of such provision in such contract due to any extraordinary events or conditions of manufacture, or to any emergency caused by fire, famine, or flood, by danger to life or to property, or by other extraordinary event or condition on account of which the President shall subsequently declare the violation to have been excusable. Nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal or modify the act entitled "An Act relating to the limitation of the hours of daily service of laborers and mechanics employed upon the public works of the United States and of the District of Columbia" being chapter three hundred and fifty-two of the laws of the Fifty-second Congress, approved August first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as modified by the acts of Congress approved February twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and six, and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six, or apply to contracts which have been or may be entered into under the provisions of appropriation acts approved prior to the passage of this Act.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall become effective and be in force on and after January first, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

Approved, June 19, 1912.

(3) WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

[PUBLIC—No. 267—64TH CONGRESS^o]

[H. R. 15316]

AN ACT

To provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States shall pay compensation as hereinafter specified for the disability or death of an employee resulting from a personal injury sustained while in the performance of his duty, but no compensation shall be paid if the injury or death is caused by

^o 39 Stat. 742.

the willful misconduct of the employee or by the employee's intention to bring about the injury or death of himself or of another, or if intoxication of the injured employee is the proximate cause of the injury or death.

SEC. 2. That during the first three days of disability the employee shall not be entitled to compensation except as provided in section nine. No compensation shall at any time be paid for such period.

SEC. 3. That if the disability is total the United States shall pay to the disabled employee during such disability a monthly compensation equal to sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of his monthly pay, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. That if the disability is partial the United States shall pay to the disabled employee during such disability a monthly compensation equal to sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the difference between his monthly pay and his monthly wage-earning capacity after the beginning of such partial disability. The commission may, from time to time, require a partially disabled employee to make an affidavit as to the wages which he is then receiving. In such affidavit the employee shall include a statement of the value of housing, board, lodging, and other advantages which are received from the employer as a part of his remuneration and which can be estimated in money. If the employee, when required, fails to make such affidavit, he shall not be entitled to any compensation while such failure continues, and the period of such failure shall be deducted from the period during which compensation is payable to him.

SEC. 5. That if a partially disabled employee refuses to seek suitable work or refuses or neglects to work after suitable work is offered to, procured by, or secured for him, he shall not be entitled to any compensation.

SEC. 6. That the monthly compensation for total disability shall not be more than \$66.67 nor less than \$33.33, unless the employee's monthly pay is less than \$33.33, in which case his monthly compensation shall be the full amount of his monthly pay. The monthly compensation for partial disability shall not be more than \$66.67. In the case of persons who at the time of the injury were minors or employed in a learner's capacity and who were not physically or mentally defective, the commission shall, on any review after the time when the monthly wage-earning capacity of such persons would probably, but for the injury, have increased, award compensation based on such probable monthly wage-earning capacity. The commission may, on any review after the time when the monthly wage-earning capacity of the disabled employee would probably, irrespective of the injury, have decreased on account of old age, award compensation based on such probable monthly wage-earning capacity.

SEC. 7. That as long as the employee is in receipt of compensation under this Act, or, if he has been paid a lump sum in commutation of installment payments, until the expiration of the period during which such installment payments would have continued, he shall not receive from the United States any salary, pay, or remuneration whatsoever except in return for services actually performed, and except pensions for service in the Army or Navy of the United States.

SEC. 8. That if at the time the disability begins the employee has annual or sick leave to his credit he may, subject to the approval of the head of the department, use such leave until it is exhausted, in which case his compensation shall begin on the fourth day of disability after the annual or sick leave has ceased.

SEC. 9. That immediately after an injury sustained by an employee while in the performance of his duty, whether or not disability has arisen, and for a reasonable time thereafter, the United States shall furnish to such employee reasonable medical, surgical, and hospital services and supplies unless he refuses to accept them. Such services and supplies shall be furnished by United States medical officers and hospitals, but where this is not practicable shall be furnished by private physicians and hospitals designated or approved by the commission and paid for from the employees' compensation fund. If necessary for the securing of proper medical, surgical, and hospital treatment, the employee, in the discretion of the commission, may be furnished transportation at the expense of the employees' compensation fund.

SEC. 10. That if death results from the injury within six years the United States shall pay to the following persons for the following periods a monthly compensation equal to the following percentages of the deceased employee's monthly pay, subject to the modification that no compensation shall be paid

where the death takes place more than one year after the cessation of disability resulting from such injury, or, if there has been no disability preceding death, more than one year after the injury:

(A) To the widow, if there is no child, thirty-five per centum. This compensation shall be paid until her death or marriage.

(B) To the widower, if there is no child, thirty-five per centum if wholly dependent for support upon the deceased employee at the time of her death. This compensation shall be paid until his death or marriage.

(C) To the widow or widower, if there is a child, the compensation payable under clause (A) or clause (B) and in addition thereto ten per centum for each child, not to exceed a total of sixty-six and two-thirds per centum for such widow or widower and children. If a child has a guardian other than the surviving widow or widower, the compensation payable on account of such child shall be paid to such guardian. The compensation payable on account of any child shall cease when he dies, marries, or reaches the age of eighteen, or, if over eighteen, and incapable of self-support, becomes capable of self-support.

(D) To the children, if there is no widow or widower, twenty-five per centum for one child and ten per centum additional for each additional child, not to exceed a total of sixty-six and two-thirds per centum, divided among such children share and share alike. The compensation of each child shall be paid until he dies, marries, or reaches the age of eighteen, or, if over eighteen and incapable of self-support, becomes capable of self-support. The compensation of a child under legal age shall be paid to its guardian.

(E) To the parents, if one is wholly dependent for support upon the deceased employee at the time of his death and the other is not dependent to any extent, twenty-five per centum; if both are wholly dependent, twenty per centum to each; if one is or both are partly dependent, a proportionate amount in the discretion of the commission.

The above percentages shall be paid if there is no widow, widower, or child. If there is a widow, widower, or child, there shall be paid so much of the above percentages as, when added to the total percentages payable to the widow, widower, and children, will not exceed a total of sixty-six and two-thirds per centum.

(F) To the brothers, sisters, grandparents, and grandchildren, if one is wholly dependent upon the deceased employee for support at the time of his death, twenty per centum to such dependent; if more than one are wholly dependent, thirty per centum, divided among such dependents share and share alike; if there is no one of them wholly dependent, but one or more partly dependent, ten per centum divided among such dependents share and share alike.

The above percentages shall be paid if there is no widow, widower, child, or dependent parent. If there is a widow, widower, child, or dependent parent, there shall be paid so much of the above percentages as, when added to the total percentage payable to the widow, widower, children, and dependent parents, will not exceed a total of sixty-six and two-thirds per centum.

(G) The compensation of each beneficiary under clauses (E) and (F) shall be paid for a period of eight years from the time of the death, unless before that time he, if a parent or grandparent, dies, marries, or ceases to be dependent, or, if a brother, sister, or grandchild, dies, marries, or reaches the age of eighteen, or, if over eighteen and incapable of self-support, becomes capable of self-support. The compensation of a brother, sister, or grandchild under legal age shall be paid to his or her guardian.

(H) As used in this section, the term "child" includes stepchildren, adopted children, and posthumous children, but does not include married children. The terms "brother" and "sister" include stepbrothers and stepsisters, half brothers and half sisters, and brothers and sisters by adoption, but do not include married brothers or married sisters. All of the above terms and the term "grandchild" include only persons who at the time of the death of the deceased employee are under eighteen years of age or over that age and incapable of self-support. The term "parent" includes stepparents and parents by adoption. The term "widow" includes only the decedent's wife living with or dependent for support upon him at the time of his death. The term "widower" includes only the decedent's husband dependent for support upon her at the time of her death. The terms "adopted" and "adoption" as used in this clause include only legal adoption prior to the time of the injury.

(I) Upon the cessation of compensation under this section to or on account of any person, the compensation of the remaining persons entitled to compensation for the unexpired part of the period during which their compensa-

tion is payable shall be that which such persons would have received if they had been the only persons entitled to compensation at the time of the decedent's death.

(J) In case there are two or more classes of persons entitled to compensation under this section and the apportionment of such compensation, above provided, would result in injustice, the commission may, in its discretion, modify the apportionment to meet the requirements of the case.

(K) In computing compensation under this section, the monthly pay shall be considered not to be more than \$100 nor less than \$50, but the total monthly compensation shall not exceed the monthly pay computed as provided in section twelve.

(L) If any person entitled to compensation under this section, whose compensation by the terms of this section ceases upon his marriage, accepts any payments of compensation after his marriage he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 11. That if death results from the injury within six years the United States shall pay to the personal representative of the deceased employee burial expenses not to exceed \$100, in the discretion of the commission. In the case of an employee whose home is within the United States, if his death occurs away from his home office or outside of the United States, and if so desired by his relatives, the body shall, in the discretion of the commission, be embalmed and transported in a hermetically sealed casket to the home of the employee. Such burial expenses shall not be paid and such transportation shall not be furnished where the death takes place more than one year after the cessation of disability resulting from such injury, or, if there has been no disability preceding death, more than one year after the injury.

SEC. 12. That in computing the monthly pay the usual practice of the service in which the employee was employed shall be followed. Subsistence and the value of quarters furnished an employee shall be included as part of the pay, but overtime pay shall not be taken into account.

SEC. 13. That in the determination of the employee's monthly wage-earning capacity after the beginning of partial disability, the value of housing, board, lodging, and other advantages which are received from his employer as a part of his remuneration and which can be estimated in money shall be taken into account.

SEC. 14. That in cases of death or permanent total or permanent partial disability, if the monthly payment to the beneficiary is less than \$5 a month, or if the beneficiary is or is about to become a nonresident of the United States, or if the commission determines that it is for the best interests of the beneficiary, the liability of the United States for compensation to such beneficiary may be discharged by the payment of a lump sum equal to the present value of all future payments of compensation computed at four per centum true discount compounded annually. The probability of the beneficiary's death before the expiration of the period during which he is entitled to compensation shall be determined according to the American Experience Table of Mortality; but in case of compensation to the widow or widower of the deceased employee, such lump sum shall not exceed sixty months' compensation. The probability of the happening of any other contingency affecting the amount or duration of the compensation shall be disregarded.

SEC. 15. That every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, shall, within forty-eight hours after the injury, give written notice thereof to the immediate superior of the employee. Such notice shall be given by delivering it personally or by depositing it properly stamped and addressed in the mail.

SEC. 16. That the notice shall state the name and address of the employee, the year, month, day, and hour when and the particular locality where the injury occurred, and the cause and nature of the injury, and shall be signed by and contain the address of the person giving the notice.

SEC. 17. That unless notice is given within the time specified or unless the immediate superior has actual knowledge of the injury, no compensation shall be allowed, but for any reasonable cause shown, the commission may allow compensation if the notice is filed within one year after the injury.

SEC. 18. That no compensation under this Act shall be allowed to any person, except as provided in section thirty-eight, unless he or some one on his behalf shall, within the time specified in section twenty, make a written claim therefor. Such claim shall be made by delivering it at the office of the com-

mission or to any commissioner or to any person whom the commission may by regulation designate, or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the commission or to any person whom the commission may by regulation designate.

Sec. 19. That every claim shall be made on forms to be furnished by the commission and shall contain all the information required by the commission. Each claim shall be sworn to by the person entitled to compensation or by the person acting on his behalf, and, except in case of death, shall be accompanied by a certificate of the employee's physician stating the nature of the injury and the nature and probable extent of the disability. For any reasonable cause shown the commission may waive the provisions of this section.

Sec. 20. That all original claims for compensation for disability shall be made within sixty days after the injury. All original claims for compensation for death shall be made within one year after the death. For any reasonable cause shown the commission may allow original claims for compensation for disability to be made at any time within one year.

Sec. 21. That after the injury the employee shall, as frequently and at such times and places as may be reasonably required, submit himself to examination by a medical officer of the United States or by a duly qualified physician designated or approved by the commission. The employee may have a duly qualified physician designated and paid by him present to participate in such examination. For all examinations after the first the employee shall, in the discretion of the commission, be paid his reasonable traveling and other expenses and loss of wages incurred in order to submit to such examination. If the employee refuses to submit himself for or in any way obstructs any examination, his right to claim compensation under this Act shall be suspended until such refusal or obstruction ceases. No compensation shall be payable while such refusal or obstruction continues, and the period of such refusal or obstruction shall be deducted from the period for which compensation is payable to him.

Sec. 22. That in case of any disagreement between the physician making an examination on the part of the United States and the employee's physician the commission shall appoint a third physician, duly qualified, who shall make an examination.

Sec. 23. That fees for examinations made on the part of the United States under sections twenty-one and twenty-two by physicians who are not already in the service of the United States shall be fixed by the commission. Such fees, and any sum payable to the employee under section twenty-one, shall be paid out of the appropriation for the work of the commission.

Sec. 24. That immediately after an injury to an employee resulting in his death or in his probable disability, his immediate superior shall make a report to the commission containing such information as the commission may require, and shall thereafter make such supplementary reports as the commission may require.

Sec. 25. That any assignment of a claim for compensation under this Act shall be void and all compensation and claims therefor shall be exempt from all claims of creditors.

Sec. 26. If an injury or death for which compensation is payable under this Act is caused under circumstances creating a legal liability upon some person other than the United States to pay damages therefor, the commission may require the beneficiary to assign to the United States any right of action he may have to enforce such liability of such other person or any right which he may have to share in any money or other property received in satisfaction of such liability of such other person, or the commission may require said beneficiary to prosecute said action in his own name.

If the beneficiary shall refuse to make such assignment or to prosecute said action in his own name when required by the commission, he shall not be entitled to any compensation under this Act.

The cause of action when assigned to the United States may be prosecuted or compromised by the commission, and if the commission realizes upon such cause of action, it shall apply the money or other property so received in the following manner: After deducting the amount of any compensation already paid to the beneficiary and the expenses of such realization or collection, which sum shall be placed to the credit of the employees' compensation fund, the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the beneficiary and credited upon any future payments of compensation payable to him on account of the same injury.

SEC. 27. That if an injury or death for which compensation is payable under this Act is caused under circumstances creating a legal liability in some person other than the United States to pay damages therefor, and a beneficiary entitled to compensation from the United States for such injury or death receives, as a result of a suit brought by him or on his behalf, or as a result of a settlement made by him or on his behalf, any money or other property in satisfaction of the liability of such other person, such beneficiary shall, after deducting the costs of suit and a reasonable attorney's fee, apply the money or other property so received in the following manner:

(A) If his compensation has been paid in whole or in part, he shall refund to the United States the amount of compensation which has been paid by the United States and credit any surplus upon future payments of compensation payable to him on account of the same injury. Any amount so refunded to the United States shall be placed to the credit of the employees' compensation fund.

(B) If no compensation has been paid to him by the United States, he shall credit the money or other property so received upon any compensation payable to him by the United States on account of the same injury.

SEC. 28. That a commission is hereby created, to be known as the United States Employees' Compensation Commission, and to be composed of three commissioners appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated by the President as chairman. No commissioner shall hold any other office or position under the United States. No more than two of said commissioners shall be members of the same political party. One of said commissioners shall be appointed for a term of two years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term of six years, and at the expiration of each of said terms, the commissioner then appointed shall be appointed for a period of six years. Each commissioner shall receive a salary of \$4,000 a year. The principal office of said commission shall be in Washington, District of Columbia, but the said commission is authorized to perform its work at any place deemed necessary by said commission, subject to the restrictions and limitations of this Act.

SEC. 28a. Upon the organization of said commission and notification to the heads of all executive departments that the commission is ready to take up the work devolved upon it by this Act, all commissions and independent bureaus, by or in which payments for compensation are now provided, together with the adjustment and settlement of such claims, shall cease and determine, and such executive departments, commissions, and independent bureaus shall transfer all pending claims to said commission to be administered by it. The said commission may obtain, in all cases, in addition to the reports provided in section twenty-four, such information and such reports from employees of the departments as may be agreed upon by the commission and the heads of the respective departments. All clerks and employees now exclusively engaged in carrying on said work in the various executive departments, commissions, and independent bureaus, shall be transferred to, and become employees of, the commission at their present grades and salaries.

SEC. 29. That the commission, or any commissioner by authority of the commission, shall have power to issue subpoenas for and compel the attendance of witnesses within a radius of one hundred miles, to require the production of books, papers, documents, and other evidence, to administer oaths, and to examine witnesses, upon any matter within the jurisdiction of the commission.

SEC. 30. That the commission shall have such assistants, clerks, and other employees as may be from time to time provided by Congress. They shall be appointed from lists of eligibles to be supplied by the Civil Service Commission, and in accordance with the civil-service law.

SEC. 31. That the commission shall submit annually to the Secretary of the Treasury estimates of the appropriations necessary for the work of the commission.

SEC. 32. That the commission is authorized to make necessary rules and regulations for the enforcement of this Act, and shall decide all questions arising under this Act.

SEC. 33. That the commission shall make to Congress at the beginning of each regular session a report of its work for the preceding fiscal year, including a detailed statement of appropriations and expenditures, a detailed statement showing receipts of and expenditures from the employees' compensation fund, and its recommendations for legislation.

SEC. 34. That for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000 for the work of the commission, including salaries of the commissioners and of such assistants, clerks, and other employees as the commission may deem necessary, and for traveling expenses, expenses of medical examinations under sections twenty-one and twenty-two, reasonable traveling and other expenses and loss of wages payable to employees under section twenty-one, rent and equipment of offices, purchase of books, stationery, and other supplies, printing and binding to be done at the Government Printing Office, and other necessary expenses.

SEC. 35. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, to be set aside as a separate fund in the Treasury, to be known as the employees' compensation fund. To this fund there shall be added such sums as Congress may from time to time appropriate for the purpose. Such fund, including all additions that may be made to it, is hereby authorized to be permanently appropriated for the payment of the compensation provided by this Act, including the medical, surgical, and hospital services and supplies provided by section nine, and the transportation and burial expenses provided by sections nine and eleven. The commission shall submit annually to the Secretary of the Treasury estimates of the appropriations necessary for the maintenance of the fund.

SEC. 36. The commission, upon consideration of the claim presented by the beneficiary, and the report furnished by the immediate superior and the completion of such investigation as it may deem necessary, shall determine and make a finding of facts thereon and make an award for or against payment of the compensation provided for in this Act. Compensation when awarded shall be paid from the employees' compensation fund.

SEC. 37. That if the original claim for compensation has been made within the time specified in section twenty, the commission may, at any time, on its own motion or on application, review the award, and, in accordance with the facts found on such review, may end, diminish, or increase the compensation previously awarded, or, if compensation has been refused or discontinued, award compensation.

SEC. 38. That if any compensation is paid under a mistake of law or of fact, the commission shall immediately cancel any award under which such compensation has been paid and shall recover, as far as practicable, any amount which has been so paid. Any amount so recovered shall be placed to the credit of the employees' compensation fund.

SEC. 39. That whoever makes, in any affidavit required under section four or in any claim for compensation, any statement, knowing it to be false, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 40. That wherever used in this Act—

The singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine. The term "employee" includes all civil employees of the United States and of the Panama Railroad Company.

The term "commission" shall be taken to refer to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission provided for in section twenty-eight.

The term "physician" includes surgeons.

The term "monthly pay" shall be taken to refer to the monthly pay at the time of the injury.

SEC. 41. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed: *Provided, however*, That for injuries occurring prior to the passage of this Act compensation shall be paid under the law in force at the time of the passage of this Act: *And provided further*, That if an injury or death for which compensation is payable under this Act is caused under circumstances creating a legal liability in the Panama Railroad Company to pay damages therefor under the laws of any State, Territory, or possession of the United States or of the District of Columbia or of any foreign country, no compensation shall be payable until the person entitled to compensation releases to the Panama Railroad Company any right of action which he may have to enforce such liability of the Panama Railroad Company, or until he assigns to the United States any right which he may have to share in any money or other property received in satisfaction of such liability of the Panama Railroad Company.

SEC. 42. That the President may, from time to time, transfer the administration of this Act so far as employees of the Panama Canal and of the Panama Railroad Company are concerned to the governor of the Panama Canal, and so far as employees of the Alaskan Engineering Commission are concerned to the chairman of that commission, in which cases the words "commission" and "its" wherever they appear in this Act shall, so far as necessary to give effect to such transfer, be read "governor of the Panama Canal" or "chairman of the Alaskan Engineering Commission," as the case may be, and "his"; and the expenses of medical examinations under sections twenty-one and twenty-two, and the reasonable traveling and other expenses and loss of wages payable to employees under section twenty-one, shall be paid out of appropriations for the Panama Canal or for the Alaskan Engineering Commission or out of funds of the Panama Railroad, as the case may be, instead of out of the appropriation for the work of the commission.

In the case of compensation to employees of the Panama Canal or of the Panama Railroad Company for temporary disability, either total or partial, the President may authorize the governor of the Panama Canal to waive, at his discretion, the making of the claim required by section eighteen. In the case of alien employees of the Panama Canal or of the Panama Railroad Company, or of any class or classes of them, the President may remove or modify the minimum limit established by section six on the monthly compensation for disability and the minimum limit established by clause (K) of section ten on the monthly pay on which death compensation is to be computed. The President may authorize the governor of the Panama Canal and the chairman of the Alaskan Engineering Commission to pay the compensation provided by this Act, including the medical, surgical, and hospital services and supplies provided by section nine and the transportation and burial expenses provided by sections nine and eleven, out of the appropriations for the Panama Canal and for the Alaskan Engineering Commission, such appropriations to be reimbursed for such payments by the transfer of funds from the employees' compensation fund.

Approved, September 7, 1916.

(4) INTIMIDATION

[PUBLIC—No. 324—73D CONGRESS⁷]

[S. 3041]

AN ACT

To effectuate the purpose of certain statutes concerning rates of pay for labor, by making it unlawful to prevent anyone from receiving the compensation contracted for thereunder, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whoever shall induce any person employed in the construction, prosecution, or completion of any public building, public work, or building or work financed in whole or in part by loans or grants from the United States, or in the repair thereof to give up any part of the compensation to which he is entitled under his contract of employment, by force, intimidation, threat of procuring dismissal from such employment, or by any other manner whatsoever, shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

SEC. 2. To aid in the enforcement of the above section, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Interior jointly shall make reasonable regulations for contractors or subcontractors on any such building or work, including a provision that each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish weekly a sworn affidavit with respect to the wages paid each employee during the preceding week.

Approved, June 13, 1934.

⁷ 48 Stat. 948.

APPENDIX F.—GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

[PUBLIC—No. 321—74TH CONGRESS⁸]

[H. R. 8519]

AN ACT

Requiring contracts for the construction, alteration, and repair of any public building or public work of the United States to be accompanied by a performance bond protecting the United States and by an additional bond for the protection of persons furnishing material and labor for the construction, alteration, or repair of said public buildings or public work

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) before any contract, exceeding \$2,000 in amount, for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the United States is awarded to any person, such person shall furnish to the United States the following bonds, which shall become binding upon the award of the contract to such person, who is hereinafter designated as "contractor":

(1) A performance bond with a surety or sureties satisfactory to the officer awarding such contract, and in such amount as he shall deem adequate, for the protection of the United States.

(2) A payment bond with a surety or sureties satisfactory to such officer for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material in the prosecution of the work provided for in said contract for the use of each such person. Whenever the total amount payable by the terms of the contract shall be not more than \$1,000,000 the said payment bond shall be in a sum of one-half the total amount payable by the terms of the contract. Whenever the total amount payable by the terms of the contract shall be more than \$1,000,000 and not more than \$5,000,000, the said payment bond shall be in a sum of 40 per centum of the total amount payable by the terms of the contract. Whenever the total amount payable by the terms of the contract shall be more than \$5,000,000 the said payment bond shall be in the sum of \$2,500,000.

(b) The contracting officer in respect of any contract is authorized to waive the requirement of a performance bond and payment bond for so much of the work under such contract as is to be performed in a foreign country if he finds that it is impracticable for the contractor to furnish such bonds.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of any contracting officer to require a performance bond or other security in addition to those, or in cases other than the cases specified in subsection (a) of this section.

SEC. 2. (a) Every person who has furnished labor or material in the prosecution of the work provided for in such contract, in respect of which a payment bond is furnished under this Act and who has not been paid in full therefor before the expiration of a period of ninety days after the day on which the last of the labor was done or performed by him or material was furnished or supplied by him for which such claim is made, shall have the right to sue on such payment bond for the amount, or the balance thereof, unpaid at the time of institution of such suit and to prosecute said action to final execution and judgment for the sum or sums justly due him: *Provided, however,* That any person having direct contractual relationship with a subcontractor but no contractual relationship express or implied with the contractor furnishing said payment bond shall have a right of action upon the said payment bond upon giving written notice to said contractor within ninety days from the date on which such person did or performed the last of the labor or furnished or supplied the last of the material for which such claim is made, stating with substantial accuracy the amount claimed and the name of the party to whom the material was furnished or supplied or for whom the labor was done or

⁸ 49 Stat. 793.

performed. Such notice shall be served by mailing the same by registered mail, postage prepaid, in an envelop addressed to the contractor at any place he maintains an office or conducts his business, or his residence, or in any manner in which the United States marshal of the district in which the public improvement is situated is authorized by law to serve summons.

(b) Every suit instituted under this section shall be brought in the name of the United States for the use of the person suing, in the United States District Court for any district in which the contract was to be performed and executed and not elsewhere, irrespective of the amount in controversy in such suit, but no such suit shall be commenced after the expiration of one year after the date of final settlement of such contract. The United States shall not be liable for the payment of any costs or expenses of any such suit.

SEC. 3. The Comptroller General is authorized and directed to furnish, to any person making application therefor who submits an affidavit that he has supplied labor or materials for such work and payment therefor has not been made or that he is being sued on any such bond, a certified copy of such bond and the contract for which it was given, which copy shall be prima facie evidence of the contents, execution, and delivery of the original, and, in case final settlement of such contract has been made, a certified statement of the date of such settlement, which shall be conclusive as to such date upon the parties. Applicants shall pay for such certified copies and certified statements such fees as the Comptroller General fixes to cover the cost of preparation thereof.

SEC. 4. The term "person" and the masculine pronoun as used throughout this Act shall include all persons whether individuals, associations, copartnerships, or corporations.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect upon the expiration of sixty days after the date of its enactment, but shall not apply to any contract awarded pursuant to any invitation for bids issued on or before the date it takes effect, or to any persons or bonds in respect of any such contract. The Act entitled "An Act for the protection of persons furnishing materials and labor for the construction of public works", approved August 13, 1894, as amended (U. S. C., title 40, sec. 270), is repealed, except that such Act shall remain in force with respect to contracts for which invitations for bids have been issued on or before the date this Act takes effect, and to persons or bonds in respect of such contracts.

Approved, August 24, 1935.

APPENDIX G.—LEASES OF PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES

[PUBLIC—No. 212—72D CONGRESS⁹]

[H. R. 11267]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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PART II

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TITLE III.—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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SEC. 321. Hereafter, except as otherwise specifically provided by law, the leasing of buildings and properties of the United States shall be for a money consideration only, and there shall not be included in the lease any provision for the alteration, repair, or improvement of such buildings or properties as a part of the consideration for the rental to be paid for the use and occupation of the same. The moneys derived from such rentals shall be deposited and covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Approved, June 30, 1932.

⁹ 47 Stat. 382, 412.

APPENDIX H.—PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

SECTION 3709 REVISED STATUTES ¹⁰

All purchases and contracts for supplies or services, in any of the Departments of the Government, except for personal services, shall be made by advertising a sufficient time previously for proposals respecting the same, when the public exigencies do not require the immediate delivery of the articles, or performance of the service. When immediate delivery or performance is required by the public exigency, the articles or service required may be procured by open purchase or contract, at the places and in the manner in which such articles are usually bought and sold, or such services engaged, between individuals.

¹⁰ 41 U. S. C. 5 has a slightly different version of this section.

APPENDIX I.—PURCHASE OF NONDOMESTIC GOODS

[PUBLIC—No. 428—72D CONGRESS¹]

[H. R. 13520]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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TITLE III

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SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless the head of the department or independent establishment concerned shall determine it to be inconsistent with the public interest, or the cost to be unreasonable, only such unmanufactured articles, materials, and supplies as have been mined or produced in the United States, and only such manufactured articles, materials, and supplies as have been manufactured in the United States substantially all from articles, materials, or supplies mined, produced, or manufactured, as the case may be, in the United States, shall be acquired for public use. This section shall not apply with respect to articles, materials, or supplies for use outside the United States, or if articles, materials, or supplies of the class or kind to be used or the articles, materials, or supplies from which they are manufactured are not mined, produced, or manufactured, as the case may be, in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities and of a satisfactory quality.

SEC. 3. (a) Every contract for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work in the United States growing out of an appropriation heretofore made or hereafter to be made shall contain a provision that in the performance of the work the contractor, subcontractors, material men, or suppliers, shall use only such unmanufactured articles, materials, and supplies as have been mined or produced in the United States, and only such manufactured articles, materials, and supplies as have been manufactured in the United States substantially all from articles, materials, or supplies mined, produced, or manufactured, as the case may be, in the United States except as provided in section 2: *Provided, however*, That if the head of the department or independent establishment making the contract shall find that in respect to some particular articles, materials, or supplies it is impracticable to make such requirement or that it would unreasonably increase the cost, an exception shall be noted in the specifications as to that particular article, material, or supply, and a public record made of the findings which justified the exception.

(b) If the head of a department, bureau, agency, or independent establishment which has made any contract containing the provision required by subsection (a) finds that in the performance of such contract there has been a failure to comply with such provisions, he shall make public his findings, including therein the name of the contractor obligated under such contract, and no other contract for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work in the United States or elsewhere shall be awarded to such contractor, subcontractors, material men, or suppliers with which such contractor is associated or affiliated, within a period of three years after such finding is made public.

Approved, March 3, 1933.

¹ 47 Stat. 1489, 1520.

APPENDIX J.—ALLEY DWELLING AUTHORITY

[PUBLIC—No. 307—73d CONGRESS¹]

[S. 1780]

AN ACT

To provide for the discontinuance of the use as dwellings of buildings situated in alleys in the District of Columbia, and for the replatting and development of squares containing inhabited alleys, in the interest of public health, comfort, morals, safety, and welfare, and for other purposes

Be it enacted, et cetera

TITLE I

SECTION 1. (a) It is hereby declared to be a matter of legislative determination that the conditions existing in the District of Columbia with respect to the use of buildings in alleys as dwellings for human habitation are injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and it is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States to protect and promote the welfare of the inhabitants of the seat of the Government by eliminating all such injurious conditions by employing all means necessary and appropriate for the purpose; and control by regulatory processes having proved inadequate and insufficient to remedy the evils, it is in the judgment of Congress necessary to acquire property in the District of Columbia by gift, purchase, or the use of eminent domain in order to effectuate the declared policy by the discontinuance of the use for human habitation in the District of Columbia of buildings in alleys, and thereby to eliminate the communities in the inhabited alleys in said District, and to provide decent, safe, adequate, and sanitary habitations for persons or families substantially equal in number to those who are to be deprived of habitation by reason of the demolition of buildings under the terms of this title, and to prevent an acute shortage of decent, safe, adequate, and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income, and to carry out the policy declared in the Act approved May 18, 1918, as amended, of caring for the alley population in the District of Columbia, and to that end it is necessary to enact the provisions hereinafter set forth.

(b) In order to remedy the conditions and evils hereinbefore recited and to carry out the policy hereinbefore declared, the President is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, gift, condemnation, or otherwise—

(1) any land, building, or structures, or any interest therein, situated in or adjacent to any inhabited alley in the District of Columbia;

(2) any land, buildings, or structures, or any interest therein, within any square containing an inhabited alley, the acquisition of which is reasonably necessary for utilization, by replatting, improvement or otherwise, pursuant to the provisions of this Act, of any property acquired under subparagraph (1) of this subsection; and

(3) any other land, together with any structures that may be located thereon, in the District of Columbia that may be necessary to provide decent, safe, adequate, and sanitary housing accommodations for persons or families substantially equal in number to those who are to be deprived of habitation by reason of the demolition of buildings pursuant to the provisions of this title.

(c) The Authority is authorized and empowered to replat any land acquired under this Act; to pave or repave any street or alley thereon; to construct sewers and water mains therein; to install street lights thereon; to demolish, move, or alter any buildings or structures situated thereon and erect such buildings or structures thereon as deemed advisable: *Provided, however,* That the same shall be done and performed in accordance with the laws and municipal regulations of the District of Columbia applicable thereto.

¹ 48 Stat. 930.

(d) The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to lease, rent, maintain, equip, manage, exchange, sell, or convey any such lands, buildings, or structures acquired under this title, for such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as it may determine: *Provided*, That sales of real property shall be made at public sale to the highest responsible bidder on terms satisfactory to the Authority after advertising for three consecutive weeks in at least one daily newspaper of general circulation published in the District of Columbia: *Provided, however*, That the Authority may, without advertising, sell such property to a quasi-public institution or agency not organized or operated for private profit at not less than the cost of such property to the Authority, including improvements: *And provided further*, That if any such lands, buildings, or structures are required for the purposes of the United States or of the District of Columbia, they may be transferred thereto upon payment to the Authority of the reasonable value thereof.

(e) The Authority is authorized and empowered to aid in providing, equipping, managing, and maintaining houses and other buildings, improvements, and general community utilities on the property acquired under the provisions of this title, by loans, upon such terms and conditions as it may determine, to limited dividend corporations whose dividends do not exceed 6 per centum per annum, or to home owners to enable such corporations or home owners to acquire and develop sites on the property: *Provided, however*, That no loan shall be made at a lower rate of interest than 5 per centum per annum, and that all such loans shall be secured by reserving a first lien on the property involved for the benefit of the United States.¹

SEC. 2. (a) The President may designate, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, such official or agency of the Government of the United States or of the District of Columbia (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") as in his judgment is deemed necessary or advantageous, and the Authority shall have or obtain all powers necessary or appropriate therefor,

¹ As amended by Section 1 of Public, No. 733, 75th Cong. Section 1 originally read as follows:

"That to enable the President in the interest of public health, comfort, morals, safety, and welfare, to provide for the discontinuance of the use as dwellings of buildings situated in alleys and to eliminate the hidden communities in inhabited alleys of the District of Columbia, and to carry out the policy declared in the Act approved May 16, 1918, as amended, of caring for the alley population of the District of Columbia, the President is hereby authorized and empowered, within the limits of the amounts herein authorized—

"(a) To purchase, or acquire by condemnation or gift, any land, buildings, or structures, or any interest therein, situated in or adjacent to any inhabited alley in the District of Columbia, and such other land, buildings, or structures, or any interest therein, within any square containing an inhabited alley as he may determine to be necessary for the replatting and improvement of said square pursuant to the provisions of this Act;

"(b) To replat any land acquired under this Act; to pave or repave any street or alley thereon; to construct sewers and water mains therein; to install street lights thereon; to demolish, move, or alter any buildings or structures situated thereon and erect such buildings or structures thereon as deemed advisable: *Provided, however*, That the same shall be done and performed in accordance with the laws and municipal regulations of the District of Columbia applicable thereto;

"(c) To lease, rent, maintain, equip, manage, exchange, sell, or convey any such lands, buildings, or structures upon such terms and conditions as he may determine: *Provided*, That if any such land is required for the purposes of the government of the District of Columbia such land may be transferred to the said government upon payment to the Authority of the reasonable value thereof; and

"(d) To aid in providing, equipping, managing, and maintaining houses and other buildings, improvements, and general community utilities on the property acquired under the provisions of this Act, by loans, upon such terms and conditions as he may determine, to limited dividend corporations whose dividends do not exceed 6 per centum per annum, or to home owners to enable such corporations or home owners to acquire and develop sites on the property: *Provided, however*, That no loan shall be made at a lower rate of interest than 5 per centum per annum, and that all such loans shall be secured by reserving a first lien on the property involved for the benefit of the United States."

including the employment of necessary personal services; but (1) all plans for replatting and/or method of condemnation under the provisions of this Act shall be submitted to and receive the written approval of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission and of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia: *Provided, however*, That (a) failure of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission or of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to formally approve or disapprove in writing within sixty days after a plan has been submitted shall be equivalent to a formal approval, and (b) disapproval shall be accompanied by a written statement giving all the reasons for disapproval; and (2) any plan which shall involve action by any department, bureau, or agency of the United States or of the District of Columbia shall be made after consultation with such department, bureau, or agency.

(b) In the event condemnation proceedings are required to carry out the provisions of this Act the same shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the acquisition of land in the District of Columbia for the use of the United States," approved March 1, 1929.

(c) If the Authority determines in the case of any alley that it will be more advantageous to proceed in accordance with sections 1608 to 1610, inclusive, of the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall be notified of such determination and proceedings shall then be had as provided in such sections for alleys and minor streets, except that if the total amount of damages awarded by the jury and the cost and expenses of the proceedings be in excess of the total amount of the assessment for benefits, such excess shall be borne and paid by the Authority.

SEC. 3. (a) The President is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to make immediately available to the Authority for its lawful uses and as needed, from the allocation made from the appropriation to carry out the purposes of the National Industrial Recovery Act, contained in the Fourth Deficiency Act, fiscal year 1933, now carried under the title, "National Industrial Recovery, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, Housing, 1933-1935," symbol 03/5666, not to exceed \$500,000 of any amount thereof dedicated for low-cost housing and slum-clearance projects in the District of Columbia, to be set aside in the Treasury and be known as "Conversion of inhabited alleys fund" (hereinafter referred to as the "fund").

(b) The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow such moneys from individuals or private corporations as may be secured by the property and assets acquired under the provisions of this Act, and such moneys, together with all receipts from sales, leases, or other sources, shall be deposited in the fund and shall be available for the purposes of this Act.

The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to accept gifts of money from private sources; to borrow from the Treasury of the United States not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, and a like sum in each of the four succeeding fiscal years, upon such terms and conditions as the President may deem advisable, and appropriations for such purpose are hereby authorized out of the general fund of the Treasury: *Provided*, That the Authority shall be obligated for the payment of interest at the going Federal rate as defined in the United States Housing Act of 1937.²

(c) The fund shall remain available until June 30, 1935, and thereafter shall be available annually in such amount as may be specified in the annual appropriation Acts.

(d) The total amount paid for property or properties acquired, except by condemnation, in any square shall not exceed 30 per centum over and above the current assessed value of all the property or properties acquired, except by condemnation, in such square to carry out the provisions of this Act.³

(e) In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the Authority is hereby authorized and empowered (1) to procure services or make any purchase without regard to the provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, provided

²The second paragraph of Section 3 (b) was added by Section 2 of Public, No. 733, 75th Cong.

³As amended by Section 3 of Public, No. 733, 75th Cong. Section 3 (d) originally read as follows:

"(d) The total amount paid for property or properties acquired in any square shall not exceed 30 per centum over and above the present assessed value of all the property or properties acquired in any square to carry out the provisions of this Act."

the aggregate amount involved is not more than \$100, (2) to purchase books of reference, directories, and periodicals that are necessary in connection with its work, and (3) to secure architectural and engineering services on specific projects, without regard to the Civil Service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended: *Provided*, That this authorization shall not apply to the employment of architects and engineers by the Authority on a permanent basis.⁴

SEC. 4. (a) The objects set forth in section 1 of this Act shall be accomplished as rapidly as feasible and to this end the Authority shall, in its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, set forth what it purposes to do during the next succeeding fiscal year. In each succeeding annual report it shall set forth its proposals for the next year.

(b) On and after July 1, 1944, it shall be unlawful to use or occupy any alley building or structure as a dwelling in the District of Columbia.

(c) No alley dwelling shall hereafter be constructed in the District of Columbia, nor shall any building or structure be moved, altered, or converted for use as an alley dwelling.

(d) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Each week of seven days of the continuance of any such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SEC. 5. (a) The Authority shall make a report to the President, which he shall transmit to Congress at the beginning of each regular session, giving a full and detailed account of all operations under the provisions of this Act for the preceding fiscal year.

(b) Upon completion of the work contemplated by this Act the President shall submit a complete report to Congress giving a full and detailed account of all operations for the entire period of operation. If such work is not completed by July 1, 1944, the President shall, on July 1, 1944, or at the opening of the next regular session of Congress after such date, make a report to Congress covering the operations under this Act for the entire period to July 1, 1944, including a statement of what further work remains to be done, and recommendation for further legislation if in his opinion such legislation is necessary.

(c) It is hereby declared to be the purpose and intent of Congress that the objects set forth in section 1 of this Act shall be accomplished, if possible, on or before July 1, 1944, except that loans made under this Act may run for periods extending beyond such time.

SEC. 6. There shall be published three times each year during the month of January in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District of Columbia a notice to owners and tenants of alley dwellings and of other property in squares containing inhabited alleys, that alley dwellings in such squares may be demolished, removed, or vacated, and that the squares may be replatted on or before July 1, 1944.

SEC. 7. As used in this Act—

(a) The term "alley" means (1) any court, thoroughfare, or passage, private or public, less than thirty feet wide at any point; and (2) any court, thoroughfare, or passage, private or public, thirty feet or more in width, that does not open directly with a width of at least thirty feet upon a public street that is at least forty feet wide from building line to building line.

(b) The term "inhabited alley" means an alley in or appurtenant to which there are one or more alley dwellings.

(c) The term "alley dwelling" means any dwelling fronting upon or having its principal means of ingress from an alley. This definition does not include an accessory building, such as a garage, with living rooms for servants or other employees; if the principal entrance to the living rooms of the accessory building is from the street property to which it is accessory.

(d) The term "dwelling" means any building or structure used or designed to be used in whole or in part as a living or a sleeping place by one or more human beings.

(e) The term "person" includes any individual, partnership, corporation, or association.

SEC. 8. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and

⁴ Section 3 (e) was added by Section 4 of Public, No. 733. 75th Cong.

the application thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 9. All Acts and parts of Acts contrary to the provisions of this Act or inconsistent therewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 10. This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Act."

TITLE II⁵

SEC. 201. As used in this title—

(a) The term "housing project" shall mean any low-rent housing (as defined in the United States Housing Act of 1937) the development or administration of which is assisted by the United States Housing Authority.

(b) The term "development" shall mean any or all undertakings necessary for planning, financing (including payment of carrying charges), land acquisition, demolition, construction, or equipment in connection with a housing project, but not beyond the point of physical completion.

SEC. 202. In addition to its other powers, the Authority shall have the power to acquire sites for and to prepare, carry out, acquire, lease, and operate housing projects, as defined in section 201 of this title, and to construct or provide for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration, or repair of any such housing project, or any part thereof, in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 203. For the purposes of this title the Authority shall be considered a public housing agency within the meaning of, and to carry out the purposes of, the United States Housing Act of 1937; and as such, the Authority is empowered to borrow money or accept contributions, grants or other financial assistance from the United States Housing Authority for or in aid of any housing project in the District of Columbia, in accordance with the United States Housing Act of 1937, to take over or lease or manage any such housing project or undertaking constructed, owned, or operated by the United States Housing Authority, and to those ends to comply with such conditions and enter into such mortgages, trust indentures, leases, or agreements as may be necessary, convenient, or desirable: *Provided*, That the tax exemption of the property of the Authority shall be deemed a contribution by the District of Columbia in accordance with the local contributions requirements of section 10 (a) or section 11 (f) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. It is the purpose and intent of this title to authorize the Authority to do any and all things necessary to secure the financial aid of the United States Housing Authority in the undertaking, construction, maintenance, or operation in the District of Columbia of any housing project by the Authority.

SEC. 204. For the purpose of aiding and cooperating in the planning, undertaking, construction, or operation of housing projects, the District of Columbia, or any department, instrumentality, or agency thereof, may, upon such terms, with or without consideration, as it may determine, as a contribution—

(a) Dedicate, sell, convey, or lease any needed property to the Authority;

(b) Cause parks, playgrounds, or recreational, community, educational, water, sewer, or drainage facilities, or any other works which it is otherwise empowered to undertake, to be furnished adjacent to or in connection with housing projects;

(c) Furnish, dedicate, close, pave, install, grade, regrade, plan, or replan streets, roads, roadways, alleys, sidewalks, or other places which it is otherwise empowered to undertake;

(d) Enter into agreements with the Authority respecting action to be taken pursuant to any of the power granted by this Act;

(e) Cause services of a character which it is otherwise empowered to furnish to be furnished to the Authority;

(f) Enter into agreements with the Authority respecting the elimination of unsafe, insanitary, or unfit dwellings; and

(g) Do any and all things necessary or convenient to aid and cooperate in the planning, undertaking, construction, or operation of such housing projects.

SEC. 205. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to lend to the Authority such amounts as may be necessary to enable the Authority to comply with the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, and appropriations for such purpose are hereby authorized out of the Revenues of the District of Columbia, and the Authority is empowered to accept such loans.

Approved, June 12, 1934.⁶

⁵ Title II was added by Section 5 of Public. No. 733, 75th Cong.

⁶ Public, No. 733, 75th Cong., was approved June 25, 1938.

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